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HONG KONG REPLIES TO KWOK

"Kowloon Eviction A Necessary Health Move"

K'loon Is Official Statement A "Tourist Centre"

Kowloon Walled City, which has been the centre of attention during the past few days, is fast becoming a "tourist centre". Since Monday last, large crowds have been making daily visits to the "devastated area".

A tour of the scene yesterday revealed that more and more sheds are being erected on the sites of those demolished by the Public Works Department.

The "Sunday Herald" learned from a usually reliable source that two members of the Kowloon Walled City Residents' Association—Lau Chi-lung and Hin Suk-lik—called on Chinese Special Commissioner T. W. Kwok yesterday morning.

Mr. Kwok was asked to use his good offices to secure the immediate release of Chu Pui-lung and Lau Ngai-fu (due to come up for trial at the Kowloon Court tomorrow morning).

They were informed by Mr. Kwok that the matter had been discussed between the Governor of Hong Kong and himself.

Eviction of Kowloon City squatters was solely to safeguard the community against disease and infection, declared a statement by the Hong Kong Government yesterday.

The statement pointed out at the same time that "for more than a year Government has been carrying out a policy of removing from various areas in the Colony squatters who are a menace to public health".

The statement, preceded earlier in the day by an hour-long conference between Dr. George Yeh, Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, and the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Colonial Secretary, gave the official facts leading up to the eviction of the Kowloon City squatters.

The Statement

The statement read:—
The facts behind the removal of the squatters from Kowloon City are relatively simple. For more than a year Government has been carrying out a policy of removing squatters from various areas in the Colony which are a menace to public health.

"Unless erected under official supervision or approved sites, these squatter encampments become the breeding ground of epidemic disease, to say nothing of the ever-present fire risks."

"Various danger spots have been cleared in the past year and Kowloon City is the latest area to be cleared in order to safeguard the lives and health of the Colony's inhabitants."

"The procedure at Kowloon City was similar to that employed last year in other potential danger points in Hong Kong and was as follows:—

"The Government gave the squatters in Kowloon City adequate notice before steps to achieve removal were carried out."

The first removal notices were served on Nov. 27 last. These notices were ignored, and on Dec. 11 summonses were served.

"The case was heard before the Kowloon Magistrate on Dec. 16, who ordered that all persons living in unauthorised structures in Kowloon Walled City should be removed, and the unauthorised structures dismantled."

"The Magistrate's order brought to the notice of the residents of the Walled City on Dec. 22 and, at the same time, notices in Chinese were handed out informing the occupants of these structures where alternative sites were available free."

"Similar notices were served again on Dec. 29, and the inhabitants were informed verbally that they would be required to move out in the next few days."

"They were again told where free alternative sites were available, and encouraged to apply for them."

"By Jan. 5, 1948, the Kowloon City squatters had still made no move to remove themselves from the insanitary premises which were endangering the health of their neighbours, and on that day the Authorities carried out a compulsory removal of the squatters and dismantled their sheds."

"Force was not used and the only mishap occurred when part of a structure collapsed on a workman engaged on removing a shed."

"He received minor injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment."

"A female occupant of one of the huts was found to be ill and unable to move, and she also was taken to hospital."

"During the progress of the compulsory removal two persons who sought to stir up violence were arrested and have been charged."

"According to witnesses they were heard exhorting the squatters to defy the laws of the Colony and to resist the Police in the execution of duties designed solely to safeguard the community against disease and infection."

In Nanking

Meanwhile, in Nanking yesterday Chinese Foreign Office spokesman, Dr. Shih Chao-ying, invoked the 1938 Peking Convention contending that the Hong Kong Government "has no right to evict the Chinese residents from the walled city of Kowloon," according to an Associated Press message.

Relevant provisions of the Convention quoted by Dr. Shih were:—
"It is at the same time agreed that within the city of Kowloon, Chinese officials now stationed there shall continue to exercise jurisdiction, except to the extent that military requirements for the defence of Hong Kong. With the remainder of the newly-leased territory, Great Britain shall have sole jurisdiction."

Dr. Shih said that Chinese officials were forced to evacuate Kowloon in 1939, but legally the British have no authority over the city.

Another Russian Ship In Trouble

Shanghai, Jan. 10. The 2,600-ton Russian ship, *Podolsk*, ran on the rocks in the Yangtze about 70 miles northeast of Shanghai last night.

Another Russian ship was standing by the Shanghai-Harbour. *Marx*, reported, and the ship was sent here to pull off the *Podolsk*.

The ship is bound for Vladivostok and carries 100 passengers. Associated Press.



Some of the Arabs have peculiar ways but there's always someone to love them. Here is someone who cherishes a real affection. The pipe-smoking lady is Miss Francis Newton, Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and Secretary of the Palestine Friendly Society. She is shown attending a meeting of the Society in London. A Photo.

All-Out Race To Rescue "Dvina" Passengers

Tokyo, Jan. 10. The crew of Russia's Patrol ship No. 30 today raced against gathering darkness and impending bad weather to take off the first of the 780 passengers of the floundering Russian motor-ship *Dvina*.

The spokesman of the Soviet Mission here said that word was flashed at 1000 Tokyo time that the patrol boat had succeeded in taking off some of the passengers.

Rescue work might continue throughout the night, "depending on conditions," he said.

The spokesman said the patrol, which had been in radio contact with the naval section of the mission, flashed the brief message on the removal of the *Dvina's* passengers.

The message failed to specify the condition of the passengers. It did not mention whether any women and children were included.

The spokesman said that there are now four Russian vessels at the *Dvina* scene, including two patrol boats, one tanker and one destroyer escort.

Earlier this afternoon one of the Japanese rescue vessels, the *Unzen Maru*, reported it "appeared" a towline had been put aboard the Russian ship.

United States Naval Headquarters said at 1000 Tokyo time that the skippers of two Japanese ships standing by confirmed the passenger transfer.

The master of one of the Japanese ships reported the passengers were being transferred to a Russian destroyer in calm weather.

The spokesman for the Navy said that "pending further developments" the U.S. Navy tug *Cocopa* would continue its rescue mission.

The Navy reported the sea was calming in the neighbourhood of the *Dvina*.

A U.S. Army B17 which circled the area this afternoon, also reported the sea was calming.

The aircraft reported no signs of a towline being put aboard.

United Press.

S'hai Police Swoop On Blackmarketeers

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Economic police squads arrested scores of black market operators in lightning raids last night as China's worst inflationary spurt so far saw "printing press money" drop 33 percent in value and commodity and share prices jump more than 30 per cent.

The authorities said more than 100 black marketeers, many of them "responsible persons," were detained as arrests continued today.

They said the arrests were carried out "in deep secrecy" following the wild fluctuation of gold and foreign currency on the black market during the last couple of days.

They added that it was the result of a three-month investigation during which several hundred names of suspected black marketeers were placed on a black list.

They said that more than 100,000,000,000 were confiscated during the raids.

Despite announcements by Shanghai Mayor K.C. Wu and other authorities that the financial and commodity markets were restored to the conditions prevailing at the beginning of the week as a result of raids, Chinese currency was quoted at underground markets at rates as high as CN\$220,000 to US\$1.

The price of rice dropped slightly from a high of CN\$1,600,000 per 133-pound unit, but this was due primarily to the fact that government-owned rice was being sold at a lower price than the market rate.

Associated Press.

RAIDING ARABS DRAW BACK INTO SYRIA

Britain Issues Formal Protest

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. A communique issued today said that "sizeable" Arab forces, which on Friday crossed the Syrian-Palestine border and penetrated into Palestine as far as Kefar Seld "have returned to Syria."

The announcement described the situation in North Palestine as "normal" today and said there were no details of casualties.

Ellysha Nehan, Mayor of Tiberias, told the United Press telephonically that all was quiet on the "northern front," although Arab reinforcements are still pouring in northward in the direction of the Palestine-Syrian-Lebanese border.

Meanwhile, at Beirut, the British Minister to Syria formally protested today against violation of the Syrian-Palestine frontier.

Confirming this, the British legation said that the protest pointed out that Britain continues her mandate until May 15 and that during the intervening period she would be charged with full responsibility for the security of the country and the people residing therein.

Three Ways

Arab circles close to the Arab League told the United Press today that Friday's northern border incident could be explained in three ways:—
(1) As an "attempt to assess British reaction";

Anti-Smuggling Pact Said To Be Signed

Nanking, Jan. 10. As a result of negotiations conducted in Hong Kong and London, the British authorities were reported last night to have accepted a Chinese proposal for an agreement designed to curb smuggling activities in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The signing of the agreement is said to be slated for Jan. 12, and among other things the pact provides the stationing of Chinese Customs inspection personnel in Hong Kong and Kowloon operating with British assistance.

Reuters.

(2) To "provide some encouragement to Palestine Arabs who have been hit by Jerusalem, Jaffa and other Jewish 'terrorists';"

(3) As an opportunity for "training and exercises."

They pointed out that such incidents are unlikely to recur before the British withdrawal from Palestine because the Arabs do not desire to indulge in any war against the British army.

The Battle

Earlier messages said that Royal Air Force planes and troops of the crack Cavalry Regiment, the 17th, 21st Lancers today routed a force of Arabs, 600 strong, who had swooped on two Jewish settlements near the Syrian-Palestine border.

Paratroopers, who were also rushed to stem the Arab attacks, used three-inch mortars to scatter the raiders and break the cordon round the settlements.

Princess Anne Goes To Luxembourg

Liege, Jan. 10. Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Farma, who is on her way from Copenhagen to meet King Michael of Roumania, alighted from the Nord Express this morning and left by road for Luxembourg.

The Princess and her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, left Copenhagen yesterday for what was said to be a secret rendezvous with the ex-King.

"I cannot give the exact date of my wedding to Michael. Up to now the date had not been fixed," Princess Anne said in a brief interview in a car en route to the Luxembourg Court which had been awaiting their arrival from the Nord Express in Liege.

Associated Press.

She Had 10 Gold Bars In Her Girdle

Hidden around a woman's waist in a specially-designed girdle, Hong Kong Preventive Officers yesterday found 10 gold bars, valued at more than \$15,000.

The woman was a passenger on board the s.s. "Hsin Kiang Soo" which arrived from Macao at 8.30 a.m. Stamped on the girdle was the name of a certain local Chinese native bank. The woman has been charged.

Government Salary Commission

A committee has been appointed to advise the Governor in connection with the revision of existing salaries and terms of service.

The committee consists of the Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E. (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo, C.B.E., Mr. C. C. Roberts and the Establishment Officer (secretary and member).

The committee's terms of reference are to advise Government on questions of eligibility for expatriation pay; to advise Government on the treatment to be given to officers who have not the full qualifications for the new salary scales as recommended by the Salaries Commission, and to consider and advise Government on any major anomalies or problems that may arise on conversion to the new salary scales and conditions of service.

WEATHER IS PLAYING TRICKS WITH H.K.

Describing it as "unusual weather" for this time of the year, a Royal Observatory official yesterday told the "Sunday Herald" that the temperature for the past few days was 10 degrees above the average for the first month of the year.

The weatherman, however, said that the recorded temperature was still below the January recorded of 79.2 degrees registered in 1897.

The next highest for the same month was 78.9 degrees recorded in 1931.

Explaining the reason for the sudden, and sustained heat, the official said that it was because the Siberian anticyclone had weakened considerably.

Instead of getting the air from the north we were getting it from the east, he said. The temperature, he revealed, had not been a great deal higher, but it had gone more humbly, hence the impression of warmth rather than heat.

Getting Back

Asked whether there was any possibility of Hong Kong getting "back to normal" in the near future, the official said that the high pressure moved up north, it will, "in a gradual way," but it will not be back to normal until the end of the month.

THE WEATHER

The ridge of high pressure parallel from north-west China to the Eastern Sea and thence to an anticyclone back of Taiwan. The shallow trough over Japan is moving slowly eastward. A tropical depression or typhoon is developing south of Guam. Forecast—Mild and foggy; winds steady at first becoming fair, cooler morning. Yesterday's weather:—
Kowloon: 76.0 deg. F. (25.0 deg. C).
Shanghai: 73.0 deg. F. (22.8 deg. C).
Singapore: 78.0 deg. F. (25.6 deg. C).
London: 51.0 deg. F. (10.6 deg. C).
Paris: 48.0 deg. F. (8.9 deg. C).
New York: 32.0 deg. F. (0.0 deg. C).
Tokyo: 59.0 deg. F. (15.0 deg. C).
Manila: 81.0 deg. F. (27.2 deg. C).
Cebu: 80.0 deg. F. (26.7 deg. C).
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Fire Aboard Ferry-Boat

A fire in the engine room of a ferryboat sent a fire float speeding across the harbour to the Mong Kok ferry wharf yesterday afternoon with two fire engines racing to the spot at the same time.

The ferryboat was alongside the wharf, but fortunately there were no passengers on board.

The outbreak caused, it is believed, by a spark igniting oil on the floor, was under control within an hour.

Part of the engine room was damaged.

FOREIGNERS WARNED OF RED PUSH OVER YANGTSE

Nanking, Jan. 10. The Nanking Garrison Command, in an order issued here today, advised foreign residents immediately to leave Kiangyin and Changshu, respectively 85 and 50 miles northwest of Shanghai, as well as other points in Kiangsu province threatened by the Communist advance across the Yangtse.

To order, does not apply to the joint along the Nanking-Shanghai railway and other large cities outside the river defence area.

All shipping to and from the North China port of Tientsin

was suspended today as Communist raiders penetrated to an area within two miles south of Tangku, 35 miles east of Tientsin on Tientsin-Mukden railway.

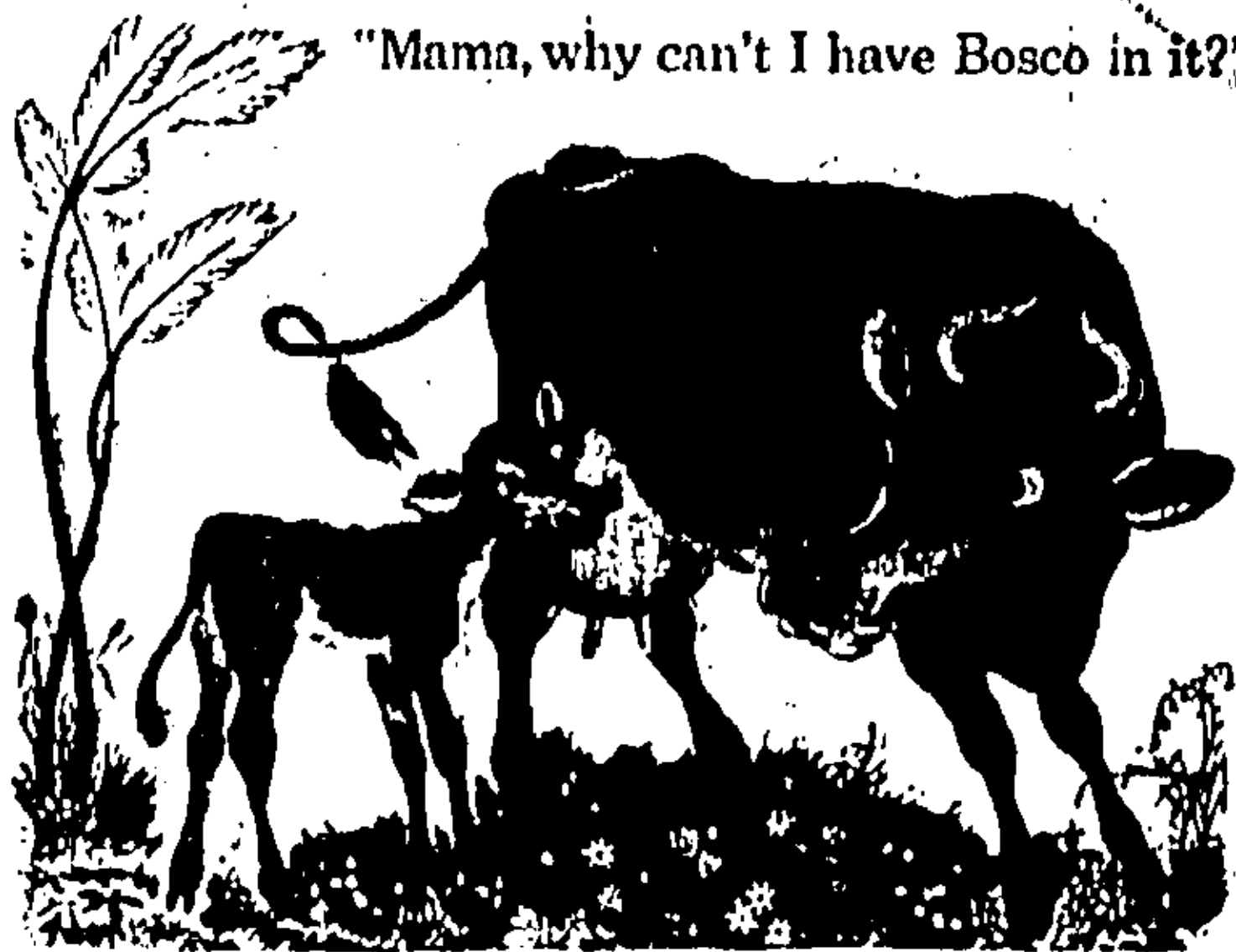
Pro-Government despatches said that martial law has been clamped down on Taku, south of Tientsin, following the Communist capture of several small towns on the west bank of the Hai River, between Tientsin and the Gulf of Chihli.

At the same time, four Communist regiments are reported to have captured the rice centre of Hsiao-chan, some 15 miles south of Tientsin.

Nationalist reinforcements are being rushed to the Tientsin area today, Chinese press despatches claimed, and definite measures were sighted round Tientsin's suburbs. Reuters.

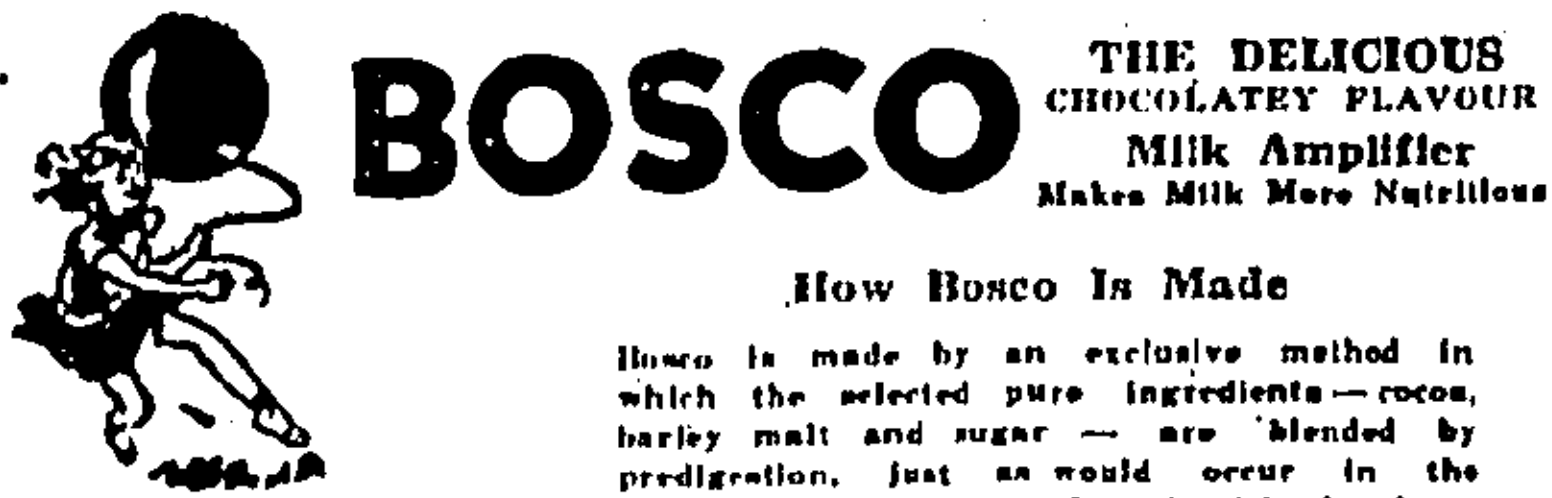
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SHOEBLACK SAYS HE WAS BATONED DOWN

"I don't care what statement he made in the Police Station. The boy has now made a statement in open Court that he had been struck by a constable."

Payment Of Arrears In Salaries

Following the "China Mail's" disclosure on Jan. 7 of the possibility that salaries in arrears of Government employees might not be paid until after the Chinese New Year, the Accountant-General yesterday circularised Government departments that "it is anticipated that payment of arrears will commence before the Chinese New Year."

Personalia

News has been received in the Colony of the marriage of Miss Marie (Peggy) Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V.M. Hammond, to John Blake, of the American President Lines.

The wedding took place at Los Angeles, California, on Jan. 6 and the couple are honeymooning at Long Beach.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Shatt, J.M. Mehta, Mrs. M.P. Landreville, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Calhoun, G. Lemmon, J. Zuna, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gregory, C.J. Schapp, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newton.

Peninsula departures—R.L. Wood, A. Ponve and Miss A.B. Reid.

The wedding of Mr. Olav Doerum, Secretary of the Norwegian Consulate, Hong Kong, and Miss Grette Fossum of Grønli, Norway, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday, in the presence of Mr. Einar Ulstrup, Consul for Norway, and Mr. Sjur Lothe.

The following passengers left for Poole by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat yesterday morning: Messrs. T. Wu, S.B. Tao, Jan de Bree, Tin Ming-cheung, Pen Wai-lim, J.H. Corbett and Cpl. E.T. Jones.

Letters From Readers

School Appeals

Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of Section 40A, Sub-section II of the Amendment of Education Ordinance No. 26 of 1918, no manager or teacher shall appeal to pupils for charitable subscriptions, but many school managers do not pay attention to the ordinance and are still carrying on their own steps to appeal for subscriptions in aid of furnishing the school or purchasing apparatus and other utensils.

In my friend's house yesterday I saw a printed letter from a certain private school manager to all the pupils' parents or guardians asking for subscription towards the purchase of school requisites etc. As a result of such appeal the pupils who cannot afford to pay for the subscription or can only subscribe a small sum, have been given hints that they would not meet with the appreciation of the school authorities. Under such circumstances the small chaps, of course, have attempted to press their parents to make better efforts on this point so as "to save face" on their part toward the school. But in the case of those whose efforts could not satisfy such demands would feel themselves in embarrassment. I do sincerely hope that the means of money-making like this should be discouraged, since the purchase of furniture is entirely a matter for the school authorities who should not pass the burden on to the students.

The above was addressed to Inspector J. Orem by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Cheng, Mun chak, 17-year-old shoeblack, charged with causing an obstruction by loitering, alleged that he had been struck by P.C. 914 with a baton.

In reply to the allegation, Inspector Orem said that when the boy was first charged at the Station he told the Inspector-on-Duty that he fell down and struck his head on the road.

"The Statement"
Inspector Orem told the Court that "the statement was made at the Station before he talked with his mother in the Chulchau dialect. Unfortunately, the constable could not understand the dialect."

Mr. Latimer: "It is one of those unfortunate things which I cannot pass over. I want a full investigation to be made, Inspector."

Addressing the boy's mother, the Magistrate said, "I am going to remand the case until Monday so that you may find any witness you may have. It is in the interests of yourself and your son."

The boy was remanded until Monday in a bond of \$50 to be signed by his mother.

The case arose out of P.C. 914, who was on duty near the Kowloon Star Ferry wharf at 12.25 p.m. on Jan. 9, going up to about five or six lads who were gambling.

On the approach of the constable, said Inspector Orem, the boys started to run. Accused was chased by the constable. When near the bus terminus accused fell and struck his head on the ground. He got up immediately and continued to run. He was overtaken near Salisbury Road.

"Bleeding"
On the way to the Tsimtstau Police Station, continued Inspector Orem, the constable noticed that the boy was bleeding at the back of his head.

In the Charge Room, Cheng was asked by the Inspector-on-Duty how he received his injury. He allegedly replied that he fell down and struck his head on the road.

Accused was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and returned about an hour later, accompanied by the constable. The boy's mother, who was outside the Station, spoke to her son for a while in Chulchau dialect, which the constable was unable to understand.

When defendant was asked again by the I.O.D. how he sustained his injury he was stated to have told the Inspector that he was hit on the back of the head by P.C. 914 with a baton.

A Sack Of Seafood—And Two People

A sackful of seafood, a man and a woman were involved in a tramcar accident in Connaught Road West, near the Kwangsi wharf yesterday afternoon.

The man, carrying the sack, was hit by a tram when he blindly crossed the road. The force of the impact of the tram flung the sack at a woman pedestrian on the road.

The man was knocked unconscious and detained at the Queen Mary Hospital. The woman fortunately, escaped with a few bruises.

Opium Smugglers Seem To Prefer The Train

Opium smugglers appear to have once again picked on the train as the easiest method of getting the drug into the Colony as, for the fourth day in succession, a man was arrested at the K.O.R. Station on Friday in possession of 32 tins of raw opium.

Prosecuting Chan Su-kum, 40, before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Revenue Officer E. Millington said that the opium was found on defendant by ORO 23 at 8 p.m. on Friday.

The drug was wrapped in two packets tied around defendant's feet. Chan was fined the maximum of \$5,000 or eight months' hard labour in default of payment. Revenue Officer Fowler, who seized the opium, said that he found eight tins of raw opium.

It Happened Near The Jaffa Gate



British soldiers arrest Arab for inciting riot in Jerusalem.

This picture, reduced to London, shows British soldiers with an Arab they have arrested for inciting riot in the Curfew Zone of Jaffa Gate. Violent clashes, resulting in death and injury, between Arabs and Jews continue sporadically in this quarter.—APPhoto.

Governor Opens H.K.-Canton Phone Service

An exchange of greetings between Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, and Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, yesterday inaugurated the Hong Kong-Canton radio-telephone service.

Weddings

Boycott-Nash

The marriage between Miss Audrey Nash and Mr. Edwin Boycott took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday.

The bride entered the church on the arm of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and wore a long gown of white crepe de chine with a half length tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas.

Duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. Martin Little. A reception was held at 1, Corn-wall Road, Kowloon. The honeymoon will be spent at Fanning.

Gagnon-Castro

A pretty wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon when Miss Phyllis Castro became the bride of Mr. Blair Gagnon.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. H. E. Castro, looked charming in a full length gown of white nylon with lace trimmings and a long hand-embroidered tulle veil. Her bouquet was of white sweet peas.

As bridesmaid Miss Cynthia Motta was beautifully dressed in lemon brocade silk cut on period lines. She carried a posy of yellow chrysanthemums.

Duties of groomsmen were discharged by Messrs. David and Norman Leonard.

A reception was held at the bride's home, 41, Kennedy Road and the newly-weds left later in the day for a honeymoon at Repulse Bay Hotel.

U.S. Transfers Four Subs. To Turkey

Washington, Jan. 10. The United States is transferring to Turkey, four fleet-type submarines and United States navy crews will deliver them to a Turkish port. It was announced here yesterday.

The submarines are among the 15 navy vessels of various types which the Navy announced yesterday are being transferred under the \$100,000,000 aid to Turkey programme, voted by the last session of Congress.

This was the first official mention of submarines, although the transfer to Turkey of torpedo boats and minesweepers had been contemplated since the start of the aid programme.

The fleet-type submarines are large modern vessels capable of operating at long range.

The Navy said that Greece also has received six motor gunboats under the Greece aid programme.—Reuter.

At a next meeting on Tuesday the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hear the Club President, Dr. F. T. Soong, on "An Outline of the History of Chinese Medicine."

The meeting will take place in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

Accused was fined \$800.

THEY DIDN'T BOTHER TO POST THEIR MAIL

Seven persons, including a woman, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with infringing the exclusive privilege of the Postmaster-General by conveying letters from one place to another other than through the G.P.O.

Mr. D. Fitches, Assistant Controller of Posts, prosecuted. Convicted on a charge of possessing letters with a view to delivering them anywhere other than through the Post, 20-year-old Li Ngan, who claimed to be the wife of the owner of the "Kwong Wah Letter Agency," was fined \$500 or four months.

The Kwong Wah Letter Agency, which Mr. Fitches said was prosecuted six months ago, was described by Mr. d'Almada as "quite a big thing."

Mr. Fitches said that by using a telephone number he discovered Cheung, Central, who said he was a clerk of the Wong Shing Heng. When Police was searching, the premises a telephone call came through with two messages, one in collo, Chinese, told Police that he was employed by Cheung.

Radio Station
Cheung Cheuk (19), a clerk of "Wing Shing Heng" No. 270, Des Voeux Road, Central, which Mr. Fitches said was actually an illegal transmitting station, was similarly fined for employing a man to convey letters.

Tam Pak (19) who had 39 letters when arrested, Wan Chiu-wan (40) shop coolie, who had 42 letters when arrested, and Chau For (22) shop coolie, charged with conveying letters, were each fined \$350.

For delivering one letter each, Wong Kam (20) shop fook, and Mok Lau (18) shop fook, were each fined \$50.

The exhibits, including books, letters, exercise account books, and letters, were to be confiscated. A pair of pens, however, was returned to Li Ngan.

Mr. Fitches said that Tam Pak was followed from the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station as he arrived by the midday train on Thursday. After being arrested in Bonham Strand, East, he brought Police to No. 172, Wing Lok Street, premises of the Kwong Wah Letter Agency, where seven letters and an open fountain pen were found. A few minutes after the arrival of Police Li Ngan came up carrying a paper bag of cakes. With keys taken from another drawer she opened another drawer and took out books, relative to the function of the agency.

Identification
Then Chau For came along and identified Li as the girl to whom he had given some letters the previous day. On Li's person was also found a pencil matching the fountain pen. Wong and Mok also came upon the scene with a letter each to be sent out from Hong Kong.

Tam said he was employed by Li and her husband.

Taxis For Kowloon

Kowloon has been provided with more taxi-ranks, under an amendment to the Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance published yesterday.

There are now 23 authorised ranks on the mainland, accommodating from four to 31 cabs.

COMPANY SHARE EXEMPTIONS

Shares of the B.A.T. (China) Ltd., the British Cigarette Co. Ltd., A. Lopata Sons Ltd. and Near Eastern Holdings Ltd. have been exempted from the Moratorium Proclamation restriction.

Reminders

Today
Presentation of Prizes "Sunday Herald" Song of the South Competition, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Concert of Recorded Music, Toot H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., general meeting 12 noon.
Badminton League Opens.

TUESDAY
Rotary Club meeting Roof Garden H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

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COURT STORY OF STOLEN WILL "A Reward Offer Had No Result"

An order was made yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), that letters of administration with copy of will annexed (the original having been lost), be granted to Roza Cordero Sang and Gonsalo Sang alias Ng Ching-wo, the intended administratrix and administrator respectively of the estate of Ng Ping-sang, alias Gonsalo Sang, deceased.

Six Months' For Secret Radio

For possessing radio communication apparatus, 20-year-old broker, Siu Sai of No. 34, Ho Wong Terrace, was fined \$3,000 or six months' hard labour, by Mr. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday.

DSI Gordon, prosecuting, said that acting on information he received the premises on Thursday afternoon, and seized two sets and documents. The principal, who claimed to be the wife of defendant, was alone in the house.

Defendant came back later and told police that the sets belonged to a friend, who had gone to Swatow. He knew about the sets, defendant admitted, but did not know that they were not licensed.

H.K.-Canton Air Ferry Service Begins

An air ferry service between Hong Kong and Canton, taking an average of 50 minutes each way, was inaugurated by H. K. Airways yesterday in a special flight in the aircraft "Kwong-tung."

All 21 seats in the plane were occupied, those on board including Mr. A. W. Summers, the manager of H. K. Airways, and his assistant manager, Mr. C. D. Stapleton.

It is proposed to fly two or three daily trips to and from Canton in future.

It is of interest to note that fifty years ago, Mr. Summers' father, a tea clipper skipper, was in command of the s.s. Honan, the first ship to provide a steamship link between H.K. and Canton.

PRICE CEILINGS FOR MOTORCARS

New price ceilings for certain motorcars were published in the Gazette yesterday.

Maximum retail price for a Lincoln Club coupe and a Lincoln Sedan is now \$22,000.

Controlled price for a Chevrolet Fleetmaster has been raised from \$8,800 to \$9,300.

Other price changes notified yesterday were Aircraft chocolate (80 cents for a 1/4 lb block) and MacRobertson's Old Gold chocolate (80 cents per 1/4 lb).

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She Stepped Off The Ship To Be Married



A few hours after disembarking from the s.s. "Malaya," Miss Annelise Arvig became the bride of Mr. Ole Andriassen of the East Asiatic Steamship Company.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Erik Kvan of the Tao Fung Shan Monastery in the New Territories, according to Danish traditions at St. John's Cathedral. "China Mail" Photo.

New Empire Plan Of Defence Put Into Motion

Sydney, Jan. 10.

The recent Australian landing on Head Island and the South African occupation of Prince Edward Island were widely interpreted here as part of an overall plan of Empire defence devised by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery during his recent visit to the Dominions.

Both sites appeared to be parts of an Empire life-line ringing the south Polar seas.

Another Odell Joins The Film World

Undoubtedly a case of "together we stand, divided we fall," another member of the Odell family has joined the film producing fraternity.

Tomorrow, Albert Odell leaves Hong Kong for Manila where he will join Messrs. Frieder Films, Inc., distributors of Republic pictures.

NINE ARE FACING CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL

Nine persons, comprising two unemployed, a watchman, a timber worker, a carpenter, a confectioner, a vegetable gardener, a brick mason and a coolie, appeared before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon charged with demanding \$70 from Ng Kam-chau at the Sai Heung Yuen Restaurant on Jan. 1.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc. were gazetted yesterday:—

Mr. K. S. Robertson to act on behalf of the Building Authority in connection with dangerous buildings, during the absence of Mr. J. H. Bottomley.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones resumed duty as Postmaster General.

Lt-Col. D. R. Guinness, R.E. to be a member of the Authorised Architects Consulting Committee.

Mr. P. D. A. Chidell to be an Assistant Commissioner of Indian Revenue.

Mr. E. Himeworth to act as Director of Supplies, Trade & Industry in addition to his other duties.

Mr. P. R. Springall to act as Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages in addition to his other duties.

New Health Rule For Verandah Partitions

Section 32 (2) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, No. 15 of 1935, and Section 63 of the Buildings Ordinance, No. 18 of 1935, prohibiting the construction of partitions on any verandah or balcony over unenclosed ground, or over any street, and such verandah or balcony is not to be obstructed or inclosed, wholly or in part, except by a balustrade not exceeding three feet in height, it was officially announced yesterday.

These Ordinances provide, however, that in the case of hotels or blocks of offices, partitions may be erected for the purpose of separating one room or suite of rooms, from any adjacent room.

The Urban Council, in the interests of health, is taking steps to enforce the sections of the Ordinances referred to above, and it is pointed out that, unless the premises to which the verandah or balcony relates are used solely for office accommodation, exemption cannot be granted.

If the premises are used solely for office accommodation, application must be made to the Hon. Director of Public Works, who is the only officer empowered under the Verandahs and Balconies (Inclosure for Office Accommodation) Ordinance, No. 34 of 1947, to authorise any person to inclose any verandah or balcony for use as office accommodation. Such authorisation is limited to cases where the verandah or balcony is used solely for office accommodation, in addition, permission will not be granted unless the premises or floor to which the verandah or balcony relates are also used solely for office purposes.

SPEECH DAY AT QUEEN'S SCHOOL Urgent Need For Permanent Building

The urgent need for a permanent building of its own, befitting its tradition and past importance, was emphasised by speakers at Queen's College Speech Day yesterday.

Mr. Richard Lee, who distributed the certificates and prizes, said he believed the Caroline Hill site has been under consideration by Government.

He hoped Government would in the near future announce the erection and equipping of a new Queen's College, enabling it to carry on its fine tradition.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor presided, and with him on the dais were Mr. H. N. Williamson (acting Principal), Mr. Richard Lee and the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

Advancement

Mr. O'Connor, reading the speech of Mr. Rowell, Director of Education (who was unable to be present), said that possession of a Matriculation certificate should not occupy their minds but the opportunity the certificate gave for advancement in education and culture.

The School Certificate was the examination giving proof of a satisfactory standard of education on which employers could rely. The Matriculation was a guarantee of ability to profit by a University education, usually in a particular direction.

A local committee was working on the School Leaving Certificate which, he hoped, would be a truer indication, not of academic knowledge but of the student's ability to think and act for himself.

Twenty-four boys of Class 2 had entered for the School Leaving Certificate. Twenty-one actually sat and 10 passed. In 1937, the first year of this exam, out of 85 sitting, 76 passed, and over the next three years 162 out of 246 candidates passed.

PROBATES GRANTED

Local estate, sworn under \$84,700, was left by the late Mrs. Mary Thompson of Derwent, Sydenham Road, North Cheltenham Gloucester, who died on Dec. 1, 1946. An application for resealing certified copy probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, Barrister-at-law of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Trustee) Ltd. The late Mrs. Leonor Danenberg da Rosa e Rocha, of Rua da Emenda, 10, Lisbon, Portugal, who died on May 23, 1942, left local estate sworn under \$12,500. An application for resealing certified copy letters of administration with will annexed has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

An application for resealing certified copy letters of administration in respect of the estate of Mrs. Mary Wright late of Gifford Castle, Gifford, County Down, who died on Aug. 29, 1946, has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade. The deceased left local estate sworn under \$15,300.

Local estate, sworn under \$43,400, was left by the late Ruthven Montgomerie Macfarlane, retired master mariner, son of Ruthven of "Anerly," Les Vardes, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, who died at La Villlette Nursing Home, St. Martin's, Guernsey, on Mar. 24, 1942. An application for resealing certified copy grant of exemplification of probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

The late Hubert Edward Aldridge of Row Wood, Brockenhurst, Hants and formerly of The Thicket, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, who died on Dec. 9, 1941, left local estate sworn under \$2,800. An application for resealing certified copy grant of probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

Local estate, sworn under \$25,800, was left by the late John Livingstone McPherson of 33 Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, formerly of 37 Cheung Chau, who died on Jan. 11, 1947. An application for resealing certified copy probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

The late Mrs. Eliza Stone of 77 Prospect Road, Newtown, Gwent, Victoria, Australia, formerly of Reginald Bay Hotel, who died on Sept. 18, 1946, left local estate sworn under \$14,900. An application for resealing certified copy probate has been granted to Mr. D. B. Evans, Solicitor.

Anti-Trachoma Clinic To Be Opened

Under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, an anti-trachoma clinic, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, will be opened at the Taikeo Medical Centre at Shaokwan on Thursday, Jan. 15.

The Rotary Club Community Service this year undertakes to initiate a new venture by starting this clinic for the free treatment of poor trachoma patients.

The Taikeo Medical Centre has kindly allowed the Rotary Club to make free use of their Centre for the Clinic which will be in charge of Dr. K. A. Cohn, a member of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, who has offered his free services.

It is hoped this will be a beginning of a series of such clinics in Hong Kong to fight trachoma, called "China's Scourge."

NURSES BOARD EXAMINATIONS

A list of successful candidates in the Nurses Board Examination held in November/December last year was published in the Gazette yesterday.

Those passing are:—

PRELIMINARY

Government Hospital:—James Tsao, Mary M. Y. Ng, Cynthia Yuen, Woodman Lo, Diana Lee, Nora Cheung, Mary Fok, Penny Tsang, Kate Ho, Diana Leung, Philomena Tsang, Joyce Leung, Lillian Yeung, Sophie Tsui, Lena Ng, Ellen Tsang, Peggy Lam, Edmund Chow.

Nethersole Hospital:—Chan Yuk-ching, Kwan Heung-ming, Chiu Kit-tai, Lei Sau-fong, Loh Kit-wa.

Tung Wah Hospital:—Lung Wing-yu.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital:—Yip Wai-ling, Sung Lai-tong, Tin Pui-yin, To Yin-chun, Fung Yin-ling, Lee Lai-yung, To Po-lin.

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital:—Lui Noh-ming, Li Hon-kiu.

Kwong Wah Hospital:—Ying Soo-ching, Woo Sau-ching.

FINAL

Government Hospital:—Elizabeth Lam, Beatrice Chan, Letty Law, Susan Ko, Helen T. Wong.

Tung Wah Hospital:—Choi Wing-mui, Cheung Kam-ping, Cheung Sau-yung, Ip Wai-choi, Kwan Yuen-sin, Lo Yuk-yin, Lam Suk-uen, Shum Shuk-ching, Yeung Luhn-dai.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital:—Teresa Chan Pui-yuk, Amy Lo Lai-chun.

Kwong Wah Hospital:—Cheung Shui-chun, Liu Yun-chun, Lau Shun-ye, Chan Hau-lin, Pank Choi-chue, Leung To-wah, Ling Shiu-kong.

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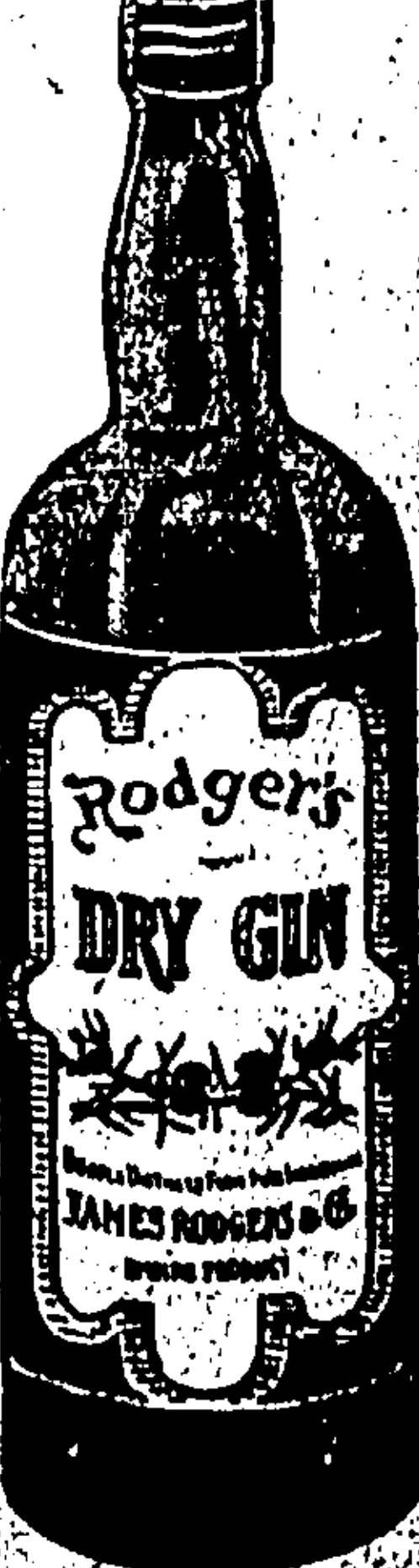
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UNITED STATES GIVES A HINT Fleet Goes On Manoeuvres In The Ionian Sea Marines To Join Naval Squadron

Athens, Jan. 9.

The United States Mediterranean Fleet, including
the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier, Midway and
three light cruisers, as well as several destroy-
ers, is now holding training exercises in the
Eastern Mediterranean and the Ionian Sea, off
Southwest Greece, the United States Embassy
here announced today.

The manoeuvres, described as "routine training
exercises," began on Wednesday and will con-
tinue until Jan. 16.

These ships will shortly be
joined by some 1,000 United
States Marines, who, last Monday,
were reported to have left More-
head City, North Carolina.

This move, according to Ameri-
can reports, was generally inter-
preted in the United States as a
warning to Greece's neighbours
not to recognise the "Free Greek
Government" of General Markos.
The embarking Marines took
with them tanks, field guns, trucks,
jeeps and flame throwers.

Writing from London at that
time, Reuters' diplomatic corres-
pondent said: "The despatch of
Marines is the traditional sign of
United States diplomacy that
Washington means business and
will use force if necessary."

New Development

Two days later, the State De-
partment disclosed that the Bul-
garian and Yugoslav Governments
had been warned by the United
States representatives in those
countries that recognition of the
Markos "government" would be
regarded as "clearly contrary to
the principles of the United Na-
tions Charter and constitute an
open disregard of the recent re-
commendations of the United Na-
tions Assembly."

According to information which
reached the Greek Government
today, the Greek Communist
Party may shortly be invited to
join the Cominform, the nine-
nation Communist information
bureau formed in Warsaw last
October.

Sequel To Warnings

An invitation to the Greek party
to link up was thought to have
been discussed recently at Comin-
form headquarters in Belgrade as
a substitute for the immediate re-
cognition of the "Free Greek Gov-
ernment" of General Markos.

This move, it was believed here,
was contemplated in view of the
strong British and American
warnings against the recognition
of Markos and of his failure to
obtain territory to back up his
recognition claims.—Reuters.

WASHINGTON PLAN FOR AID TO CHINA

Washington, Jan. 10.

The Administration's China aid programme which
Mr. Marshall forecast, was likely to require
an estimated US\$300,000,000 over 15 months
beginning in April, has been worked out in
full detail but still requires several decisions,
Mr. Marshall told a news conference.

"These decisions," he said, "in-
volve other governmental agencies
and are intricate monetary
affairs."

That the plan will be placed
before Congress shortly was in-
dicated when newsmen asked if
the plan would be presented
within a matter of weeks. Mar-
shall replied he could not say it
would be delayed that long.

Chinese envoys Yu Ta-wai and
Pei Tai-ye are expected to be
given an opportunity to state
Nanking's views on desired
American assistance before the
plan goes before Congress.

Marshall, speaking of other
Oriental matters, said he under-
stands that the latest Soviet pro-
posal demanding a big four meet-
ing on a Japanese peace settle-
ment has been turned down by the
Chinese and probably by the
British and the United States.

He said he sees virtually no
change in this proposal from an
earlier Soviet plan which the
United States rejected. Russia
wants to keep the great power
veto over the Japanese settle-
ment; the United States does not.
—Associated Press.

THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT

Washington, Jan. 10.
Mr. George Marshall,
Secretary of State, today
denied reports that he
would resign if Congress
failed to give him adequate
funds to carry out the Mar-
shall European recovery
programme.
"It would be inconsistent
with everything I have
learned in public service,"
he said.
"I might be asked to re-
tire, but that is a different
matter."—Reuters.

Vatican City, Jan. 10.
The Pope today received Car-
dinal Hlond, Primate of Poland,
in private audience.—Reuters.

U.S. Wants Assurance On Steel Cartels

Washington, Jan. 10.

An assurance that United States shipment of steel
will not be used to continue European cartels
must be obtained from the countries partici-
pating in the Marshall Plan, the State De-
partment said in its "Aid Europe" report,
more details of which were available today.

To make sure that restrictive
agreements under an international
steel cartel are not binding upon
European steel producers, the report
said that the United States should
ask the participating countries to
submit the following information:

1.—Summaries of patent licences
and sales arrangements between pro-
ducers and a statement of their legal
status.
2.—Copies of contracts involving
the purchase of coke, coal,
manganese, iron ore, or metals which
might limit production or sales policy.
3.—Summaries of contracts for the
modernisation or expansion of steel
plants.
4.—The legal status and character
of the relationships of the steel en-
terprises to national or international
organisations.

The report noted that the Paris
Conference called for a permanent
steel cooperation committee for
mutual consultation and that the
sponsoring countries, together with
Germany, constituted the mainstay
of the pre-war international steel
cartel.
The sub-report of the iron and
steel section said that if the Com-
mittee was established, certain
safeguards should be insisted upon.—
Reuters.

China To Export Silk Goods

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

In future the greater portion of Chinese silk will
be manufactured into piece goods for export
abroad.

This decision was reached at
a meeting called by the Central
Trust of China, a subsidiary of
the Central Bank, of leading
local bankers and silk magnates
to discuss America's action in
lowering the quotation for raw silk.

It is feared that the Ameri-
can action may soon be follow-
ed by other countries.

A spokesman of the Central
Trust said that for the purpose
of devising plans to improve
the technique in producing and
selling Chinese silk goods
abroad, it is likely that leading
silk manufacturers will be asked
to form a silk industry co-
ordinating commission.

The spokesman revealed that
spring silk collected by the
Central Trust last year totalled
nearly 7,000 bales.

Of these, 6,000 bales were ex-
ported to foreign countries and
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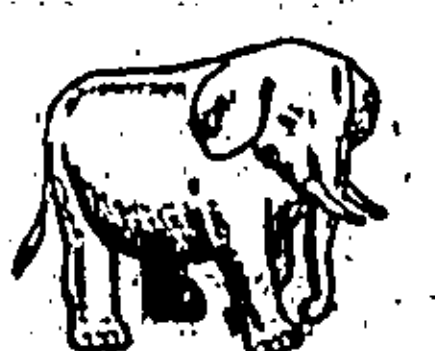
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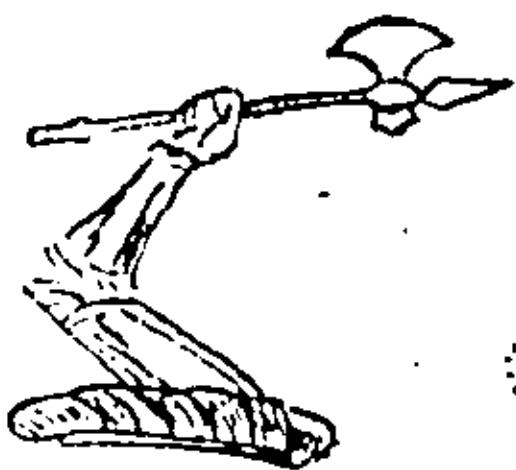
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

By ARTHUR GEE

Overheard

Government Servant (musing aloud on the Salaries report): "The trouble with Hong Kong is that we don't have a post-government servant. Come to think of it, have we any pro-government servants?"

Anecdote

What would you do if you saw a corpse lying at the side of the road in broad daylight? Even in a law-abiding town like Hong Kong the question is not just one of academic interest. It's liable to happen at any time, anywhere. We had one in our alleyway outside the office just before Christmas, for instance. You think that the "thrill" is fairly straightforward—but not always. As one incident this week showed.

The Assistant Financial Secretary was motoring down Bay Road after lunch on Tuesday when he spotted a body lying at the side of the road. Deceased was a male, a Chinese coolie, and he was lying face down. The Assistant Financial Secretary did not stop, but as soon as he got to a telephone he rung up the Police and told them.

A posse of detectives set out at the double. They took nearly an hour to arrive on the scene of what we might call the Windsor House Alleyway Corpse—but then, it wasn't a senior government servant who had reported its presence. They got to May Road in a few minutes, just in time to see the corpse get up and walk away. This unbecoming behaviour puzzled the detectives for a moment, but when it was obvious that the body was a live one, they were somewhat indignant.

What they wanted to know, was the big idea of imitating a corpse? Someone else was indignant then. Who was imitating a corpse? he wanted to know. Couldn't a fellow lie and back in the sun for a few minutes?

P.S.—who stole a motorcar tire from the heart of the Central Police Station on Wednesday?

Windjammers

Seated as usual up near the bow of a Star Ferry this week, I noticed a youngish-looking Merchant Navy captain take a few minutes to look ahead. Not that I'd expect officers to be seated out in the first place because he was capless; had I not seen the four gold rings on his sleeve before he sat down I might well have taken him for an ordinary shore-type in a blue lounge suit. There was a stiffish wind blowing across us from the seaward.

He was smoking a cigarette and when, after a few puffs, it degenerated to the status of a butt-end, he threw it away—windward. It blew back onto his lap. Well, we all make mistakes. He threw it away once more—again to windward. It landed on a Chinese lady seated immediately behind him. "With an expression of disgust, she picked it up and threw it away—down the hatch. It disappeared over the rail into the water.

That set off a train of thought, and my trains don't always keep to the established routes. I found myself wondering if any of the old sailing-ship captains—supposing they ever "descended" to smoking cigarettes—would have thrown their butt-ends to windward. I remembered reading a series of articles written by Sir Edgar Britten when he retired from the Cunard Line. He there deplored the modern tendency among young officers to shelter in the wheelhouse during bad weather, instead of braving the elements from the open wings.

As be, Conrad, and many others have pointed out, a squall which in the Old Days would have had the hands aloft at the double is ignored by the modern sailor. Then, the wind was all important, whether it was the gentles of zephyrs, a strong breeze or a howling gale. Nowadays, with gyroscopes, direction-finders, radar, echo-sounders,

etc., it tends to be merely an annoyance that rattles the sun awnings or blows one's match out. Not that I am running down the Merchant Navy. I have a number of friends in all categories, from stewards and pursers via fourth engineers up to master mariners. I've seen them in an emergency—and a torpedo or a mine can be a pretty nasty emergency—and I have nothing but respect both for their courage and their seamanship.

But it is incidents like this that make the Old Salts shake their heads and talk of the days when they were on their beam ends off the Horn for a couple of months—or was it years? It also lends weight to the arguments of those who suggest that all deck officers should be required to serve a period of time in a training ship before being granted their tickets.

So far as I know, only one steamship company maintains a sailing ship for training purposes. Just before the war, the Danish shipping company, J. Lauritzen, of Copenhagen, built the topsail schooner "Homo" for just that purpose. She is not a large craft (195 tons) but her three masts, with their ample spread of sail, give the eight cadets on board plenty of work to do.

There are, of course, a number of other training ships, but these are all for naval officers. Curiously enough, neither the two largest navies—the American and Royal Navy—maintain sailing ships, but if the attendance at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is any criterion, most of their officers are quite at home under sail, even if it is only in yachts.

I have never been lucky enough to see a full-rigged ship under sail at sea, though I'm still keeping my fingers crossed. A Japanese training ship came up the Whangpoo under tow not long before the war, and I also remember seeing a 4-masted barque in Durban Harbour in January, 1943. She was signing on a crew for a voyage to the United States at \$100 a month all round, and had no difficulty getting the requisite number of hands. I was in the Navy then, and due to go on board the "Britannic" for a quick run up to Liverpool, otherwise....

ERIKSON

With the recent death of Captain Gustaf Erikson, it seems as though the Windjammer Age has finally come to its lingering end. Erikson was the last of the great sailing-ship owners, a man who, in the days of the sailing-ship, was a man of the sea, and of the sea gradually depicted the fleet. When Death visited him, there were only seven left to fly the Erikson flag; and of these only two were on the high seas.

The 4-masted steel barque "Passat" 3,100 tons, of 1911 vintage, was "running her easting down" from the Cape of Good Hope to Fremantle as the 74-year-old captain lay on his death-bed. At Santos, Brazil, another 4-masted barque, the "Viking," 2,700 tons, built in 1907, was loading cargo. Three other four-masted steel barques were awaiting refit—the "Pommern," 2,400 tons, built in 1903; the "Moshulu," 3,100 tons, built in 1904, and the "Archibald Russell," 2,400 tons, built in 1902, and getting some badly needed work done on her in the Tyne.

Two other Erikson ships were requisitioned during the war. The "Lavall," 2,800 tons, was taken over by South Africa and the 2,800 ton "Pamir," built in 1905, by New Zealand. These were all that were left of his fleet. World War One saw the sinking of thirteen, World War Two of four.

His greatest loss in the war, however, was not in ships. Gustaf Adolf Erikson, his son,

was being groomed to succeed the old captain. He sailed as mate in the "Argo," a 2,600-ton steamship, built in 1892. The "Argo" was sunk by enemy action in the Baltic and young Erikson and eight others lost their lives.

Erikson was not only one of the last big sailing-ship owners, but also one of the greatest. Remember the "grain ship" races? He began his life under sail at the age of 10. At 20, he was a captain in command of the 3-masted "Adele." Later, he commanded the barquentine "Southem Belle" in the North Sea trade, and subsequently, the full-rigged ship "Albania." For a further four years he was master of the barquentine "Lochee" in the "perma" of the barquentine "Avaland." Today, he rests quietly in his grave at Mariehamn, once the home-port of his sailing ships.

We don't see many sailing ships out in these waters, but they are still numerous in some of the Australian, South African and American ports. For instance, there's the Boston-owned Cape Verde packet "Mandalan," the only commercial square-rigged ship under the American flag. "Mandalan" is a brigantine—she is a 2-masted, square-rigged ship on the foremast and fore-and-aft rig on the main—and she is probably the only ship of that type still to ply the deep blue sea. Once a luxury yacht, belonging to a millionaire maker of plumbing fixtures, "Mandalan" has an auxiliary Diesel engine which she cannot use. She is registered as a sailing-ship, and under the somewhat quaint American shipping laws the big engine has been sealed off by the U.S. Coast Guard and disconnected from the propeller shaft.

Another sailing-ship to be found in southern Atlantic waters is the schooner "Lucy Evelyn," of New Bedford, also on the Cape Verde cargo trade. And so on... But these are more or less lone to have gone the great days seem to have gone. There are still many sailors, both sea-going and retired, who have served in sail, but their number, too, is growing fewer with the years.

WHAT'S A SHIP? Have you ever seen a ship, by the way? To a landlubber, that soundly sailing question to ask in a port like Hong Kong—and yet, in actual fact, it is a good many years since a real ship visited this Colony. Of all the multitudinous craft that fill the ports and harbours of the world and ply back and forth across the highways of the seas, only one is entitled to the proud name of Ship—a sailing vessel, with three masts, square-rigged on all three.

Any other combination of sails gives a vessel another name. A barque, for instance, usually has three masts, with square-rigged sails on the fore and main, and fore-and-aft sails (like those on the yachts we see in the harbour) on the mizzen. If she has three masts but only square-rigged sails on the foremast and fore-and-aft on the other two, then she's a barquentine. Fore-and-aft rigged and with anywhere from two to five masts, and she's a schooner, while if she fits a square topsail on the foremast she's known as a topsail schooner. With an engine and no sails, she can be anything from a steam or motor vessel to a tug or landing-craft—but, she is not a Ship.

With the limited information at my disposal in Hong Kong, I have only been able to find four Ships afloat, though one more is projected. They are all naval training ships. Finland, owns the 3,200-ton "Suomen Joutsen" (ex-"Oldenburg"), which was built at St. Nazaire in 1902. A much smaller Ship is Sweden's "Jarramas," built in 1900 and only 150 tons; a sister ship is projected but work on her may not have started yet.

Finally, there are the two comparatively new Ships which still form part of the Italian Navy. The "Amerigo Vesputi," built at Castellamare in 1930, is a vessel of 3,545 tons and has a total sail-area of 22,600 square feet. Even under

her auxiliary diesel engine she gets through the water at nearly 11 knots. She has accommodation on board for a crew of 400 and 150 midshipmen for training. Slightly smaller, the "Cristoforo Colombo," of 2,700 tons, was built at Castellamare in 1928 and has a total sail-area of 18,700 square feet. Both have hulls, masts and yards of steel and both are still in service.

"MADE IN BRITAIN"

Although Erikson's windjammers—whose annual "grain race" from Australia round the Horn to Europe used to make newspaper headlines were all fairly old vessels, most of the naval craft are fairly modern. It is good to see, too, that some of them were built in Britain. The Belgian Navy's barquentine "Mercator," for instance, was built by Ramage & Ferguson, Leith, in 1931; a vessel of 1,200 tons, she has a sail area of 11,584 square feet.

Then there is Brazil's four-masted topsail schooner "Almirante Saldanha," built by Vickers-Armstrong, Harrow, in 1931. She has a sail-area of 25,990 square feet and is the best of my knowledge in the only sailing vessel to be fitted with a 21-inch torpedo-tube, in addition to the ordinary light armament most of them carry. Chile's 3-masted barque "General Baquedano," 2,400 tons, was built by Armstrong-Whitworth in 1898; she was refitted in 1921 but is not really sea-going these days.

Finally, there is Uruguay's "Diez y Ocho de Julio" (ex-"Normandy," ex-"Lady Nell"), which was built at Leith in 1879. A vessel of 770 tons, she appears to be a barquentine and is used for harbour work only, unlike the same navy's "Aspirante" (ex-"Fair Dallen," ex-"Parodi," ex-"Trinidad," ex-"Gelmirex") of 250 tons and built in 1919. The latter, too, is a barquentine.

In addition to the "Muir," 54 tons and little more than a yacht, France has two sailing vessels, the topsail schooners "La Belle Poule" and "L'Emile," 227 tons; both were built at the Chantiers de Normandie yard, Fecamp, in 1932. Each carries a crew of three officers, 30 cadets, five Petty Officers and 12 seamen.

Before the war, the German Navy owned three of the loveliest barques afloat. The "Horst Wessel" and the "Albert Leo Schlageter" were built by Blohm & Voß, Hamburg, in 1936/37. Vessels of 1,634 tons, they had a sail-area of 21,530 feet and carried crews consisting of 89 trained hands and 200 midshipmen. Equally beautiful when under full spread of canvas was the slightly older barque "Gorch Fock," partly paid for by public subscription after the loss of the "Niobe," and built by Blohm & Voß in 1933. Of 1,360 tons, she had a total sail-area of 19,376 square feet and a complement of 253 officers and men.

Purchased from the Netherlands in 1927, the Polish 3-masted schooner "Iskra," 560 tons, is now used as a sea-going tender to a naval college. Rumania has a barque called "Mirecea," built by Blohm & Voß, Hamburg, in 1938; a vessel of 1,600 tons, she has a sail-area of 18,830 square feet. Yugoslavia has a 720-ton barquentine called "Jadran" (ex-"Marco Polo") which was built in 1932 and has the comparatively small sail-area of 8,600 sq. feet.

RICKMERS

One of the most interesting sailing-ships still afloat is the Portuguese barque "Sagres" (ex-"Flores," ex-"Max," ex-"Rickmer Rickmers"), of 3,176 tons. She is a captured German sailing vessel adapted in the middle twenties for use as a naval training ship. She was almost a sister-ship of Erikson's 3-masted barque "Wintherbude" (ex-"Mabel Rickmers"), 2,000 tons, which was a World War II loss. Back in 1834, R.C. Rickmers, a descendant of centuries-old Heligoland shipbuilding company, established his own small yard at Bremerhaven. Within 20 years, it had become a well-established business. The sailing ships built by Rickmers were among the finest produced by German shipyards and in their day well able to rival the best of the American "Clippers."

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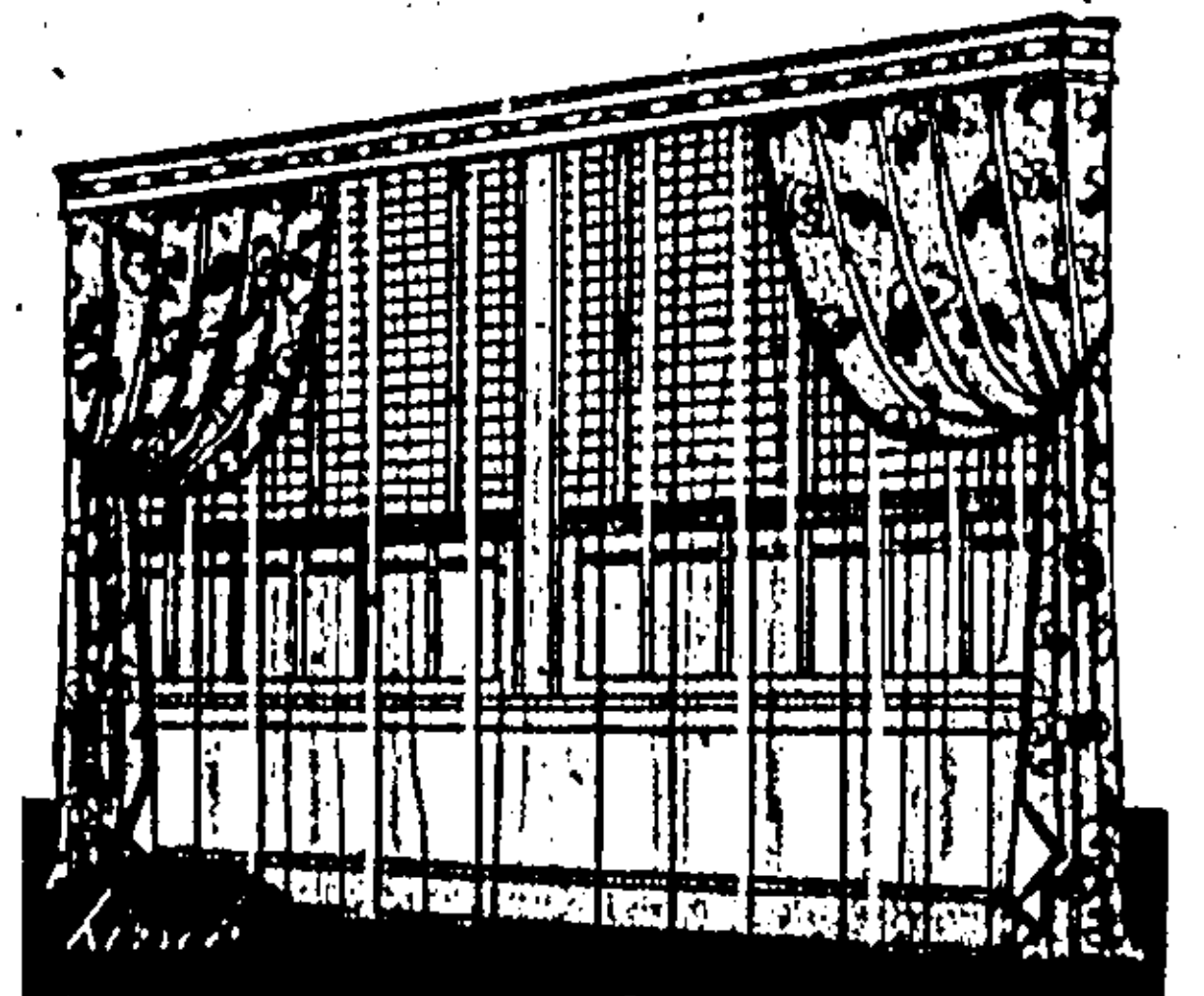
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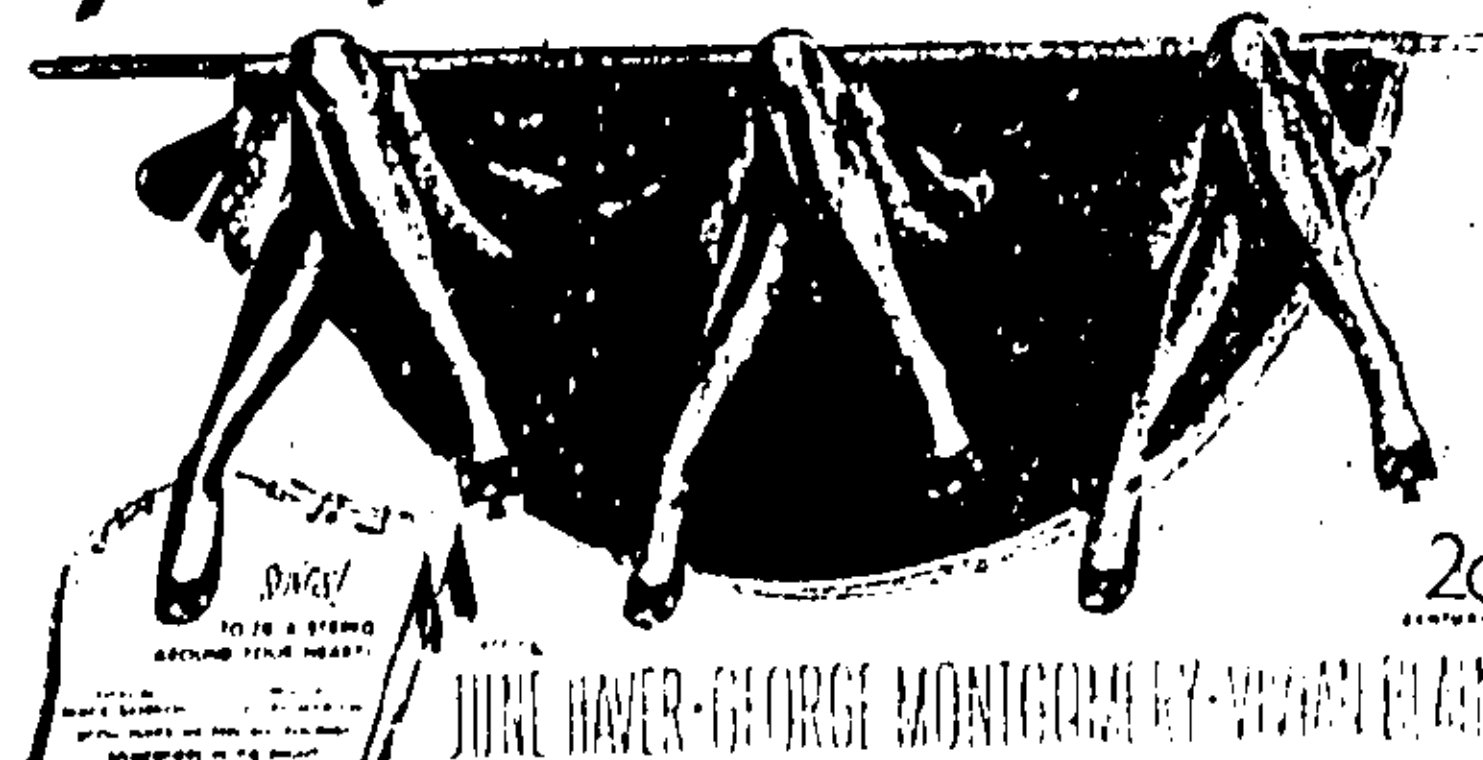
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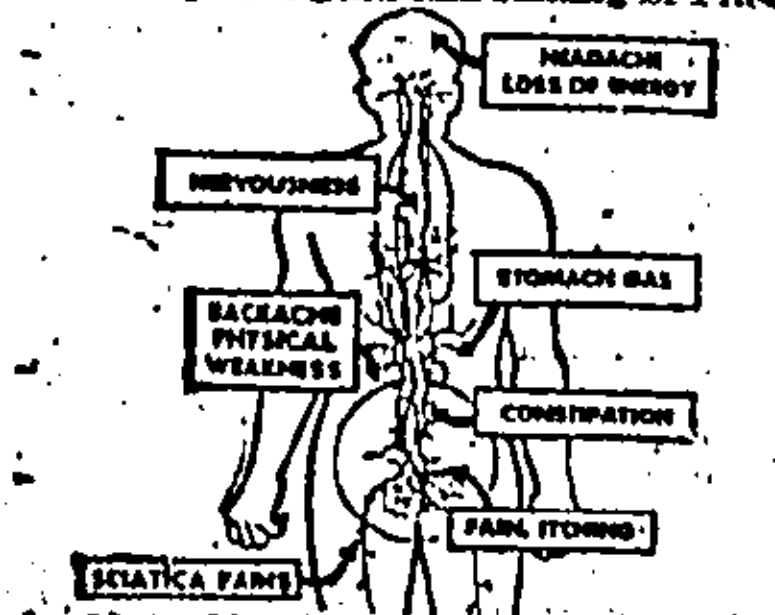
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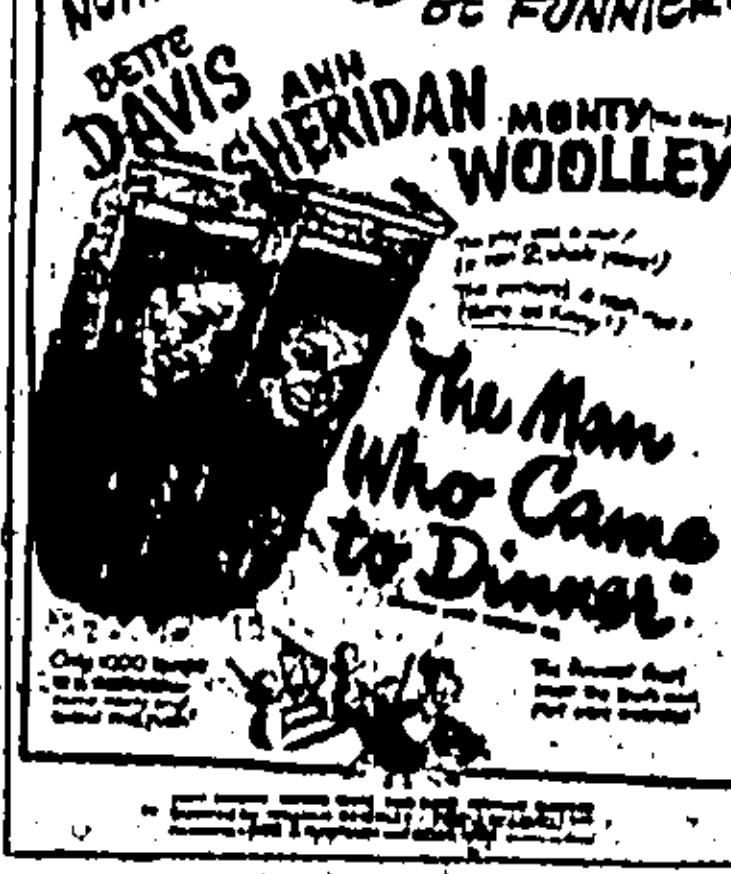
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When I was perhaps four years old, flowers fascinated me, not only because they were beautiful but because showers of tiny sparks radiated from them. And it was fun to tickle the "something" by which the cat was surrounded because, even without touching the fur itself, it seemed to curl and ripple as I did so.

This aura, or surround, was stronger and clearer with human beings. Everybody appeared to me to consist of a solid, rather dark form surrounded by fine, silvery mist. This mist was egg-shaped and full of flowing, moving colours.

I do not mean I had to see people this way. But I found I could do so at will. And as they looked much more interesting with their auras, I usually chose to see them that way.

It was not all pleasure because, as a child, I found things were often confusing. Grown-ups did such strange things. For instance, I knew it was not polite to sit in a chair already occupied by somebody else—yet that is just what they did.

Granny Was Still There

Not until years later did I realise that the person I saw already sitting in the chair was out of the physical body—in other words, what is usually called a spirit. Neither did I then appreciate that these people were usually old, or else children, and more luminous than the others. I did not feel there was any real difference between them and the solid, dull people around me. For with this kind of sight the fact is that I had no sense of distinction between the living and the so-called dead.

When I was eleven my great-grandmother, who had been my greatest playmate, died. I neither fretted nor cried, for she still seemed to be with me. When her funeral procession filed away from the house I was so surprised at the fuss people were making that I threw up my

Here is the strange story of the woman who claims that she can see into the human body—even to watching the heart beat. She is the wife of a well-known medical man. This article is one of the most remarkable of Jack Thomas's inquiry into the spiritual movements which are an expression of today's search for Faith.

bedroom window and called: "Granny isn't out there; she is here with me."

And so, I am sure, she was—vivid alive, eager, happy as always. We had a long talk about what happened to her, and she was not in the least put out at being what is called dead. So it was that I learned to take physical death in my stride.

Lesson of the Red Must

One thing I soon noticed about the aura surrounding people was that different colours meant different moods.

If the mist lit up with a lurid, red glow, that meant anger. If it went grey and cold it meant the person was frightened or depressed.

All this took place even though outwardly they did not show any sign of what they were feeling. Yet the churning and flaming of their auras showed me that they were deeply disturbed.

To many what I am saying will sound fantastic and the product of an abnormally vivid imagination. But all through history there have been people who saw things in this way. Sometimes they were called mad, at other times they were revered as saints. But always there was consistency in the way such people saw.

Have you ever wondered why the old masters painted halos round the heads of saints? I am sure this was the artists' attempt to show the aura which in saintly people is often much brighter than in the average person.

I was 19 before I realised that everybody did not see things the way I did. The discovery was a shock.

One Sunday morning I had gone to the City Temple. I was listening to the singing of a hymn.

Suddenly I noticed what seemed to be three very ordinary women apparently floating in mid-air. They were singing away lustily.

My first thought was what a silly place for them to choose to be. Then it struck me that the rest of the congregation did not see them. I clutched the book-rail and tried to concentrate on my hymn-book. But when I looked up again the three women were still there—still singing.

The hymn ended, and they disappeared.

There was a problem, and a terrifying one. Was there something wrong with me? I worried about it for days until, to my relief, I met a woman older than I who had had similar experiences. This was before the days when science had proved that what is called psychism is a fact and not superstition. But the meeting with the other woman comforted me.

I felt that this was a challenge to find out more about my strange second sight. I found the difference was not as great as I had thought while I had this form of extra vision with me always, and to some extent under my control, there were many who experienced it occasionally.

For the next 15 years I went on investigating. I went to all kinds of displays of psychism, to Spiritualistic meetings, to mediums. Being of a highly critical turn of mind, I was highly inclined to accept a thing at its face value, but always wanted to find out the truth—whether it conflicted with my own ideas or not.

I soon found that if I was at a seance in the dark I could see quite clearly what was going on. Sometimes I got a shock. There was a great deal that was not at all as I imagined. Mediums sometimes possessed real psychic powers, but sometimes were doing little more than guessing or saying things which nobody could say were not true, even if they could not say that they were.

It was the same with physical phenomena. Sometimes objects moved about the room and I could see that nobody physically present was causing them to do so; at other times I saw only too well what was really happening.

In most cases there was a mixture of real power and pure spoof. But I think the spoof was mostly unconscious, and the medium was usually quite unaware of playing tricks. Deliberate fraud was rare.

When I was 15, and thought I had about ended my search, I met a doctor who was interested in psychic matters. He invited me to look at his apparatus. "There were various

forms of lamps for ray therapy, and other electrical gadgets.

I soon found that I could distinguish between the different rays even when they were outside the ordinary range of vision. I found I could tell at sight a live wire from a dead one. Later, the doctor asked me if I would work with him.

That was the beginning of an association in which we experimented with the use of clairvoyance in medicine. I discovered, to my surprise, that I could focus my vision where I liked, either inside or outside the body.

I could, for instance, watch the heart beating, even though the patient was sitting fully dressed in a chair.

Then I was surprised to notice that a man I was looking at had one rib missing; there was just a stump of bone where it should have been. I knew nothing of anatomy or technical terms, so I simply had to describe things as I saw them.

Then I found I could see a difference between healthy tissue in the body and tissue which was diseased. For instance, a sluggish liver looked to me more dense than one functioning normally, and cancerous growths have a distinctive appearance of their own.

I used to check my findings with those obtained by ordinary medical methods—by X-rays and the findings of operations.

Checked By X-Rays

One of the early tests we made was in the presence of the doctor and an independent observer. A patient was brought into the room and I was asked to say what I could see wrong with him. I said I could see a cavity in his lung. The patient was X-rayed, and the cavity showed up clearly. The doctor diagnosed tuberculosis.

It was on that occasion that I made another discovery. On my way to the consulting rooms I had seen a street accident, and arrived feeling rather upset. Whether that had anything to do with what followed I do not know. What I do know is that while I was concentrating on the man's lung the picture in my mind suddenly began to grow and the lung tissue became a coarser and yet coarser spongy mesh. I was alarmed, and wondered when it would stop; then it occurred to me to try to stop the process myself.

I found that by an act of will and thought I could stop the picture at whatever size I liked.

And it was then I realised that, in addition to my ability to see outside the normal range of physical sight, I could also see microscopically.

But the difference was that instead of things being altered into thin wafers as you see them under a microscope, stained and embalmed, I saw them alive and moving.

In this way I began to make the acquaintance of microbes, seeing them in detail and alive. I got to know the commoner ones. But one day I was looking at a patient who had a germ which I had never seen before and I began to wonder whether this was a freak of the imagination. I was relieved when the germ was identified under the microscope as a tropical microbe seldom seen in this country.

Since those days I have done a good deal of medical work and have assisted doctors in difficult cases when the cause of the trouble was not easy to diagnose by normal medical methods, and it is now so much a part of my life that it does not seem any stranger to me than another woman's ability to solve mathematical problems.

No "Miracle" Cures

But I want to make it clear that the ability to diagnose a trouble does not give any miraculous power of curing it. It is a help, in the same way as any other means of discovering the cause of disease, but that is all.

What I do is really very much the same as what other people do with pendulums, dowsing rods, elaborate electrical apparatus. But while they use their gadgets to focus their psychic power, I do without them.

Incidentally, there is an important difference between my way of doing things and "X-ray" sight. X-rays cast a shadow on a screen; one sees things as one may see a shadow on a wall from outside a lighted room. Clairvoyance shows you the thing itself, just as if the blind were lifted and you looked straight into the room.

Some people may get the idea from all this that I can go round, the world reading people's secrets and generally minding far more than my own business. But it does not work out like that at all.

It takes a definite and conscious effort to concentrate on work such as mine, and normally I pay no more attention to other people's psychic side than I look twice at people passing me in the street.

And, in any case, snooping, whether psychically or by normal means, is bad manners. One of the things everybody has to learn is to mind his own business. I only mind other people's when I am asked to do so.

By HOLT

The Fall Of The HOUSE OF KRUPP

BY VICTOR LEWIS

"Eisen-Hugel, the house of Krupp is dead. And I was in at the kill."

Sitting in one of the 800 fantastically ornate rooms of the Krupp mansion in the Ruhr one April Saturday afternoon of 1945, I wrote these words.

I also wrote: "In time the world will learn that the man in possession until to-day was the godhead of the most malevolent dynasty in German history."

To-day that man—Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach (that is how he described himself on the elaborate gilt-edged visiting card which was strewn over every desk and table in the house)—stands trial at Nuremberg.

Meek Surrender

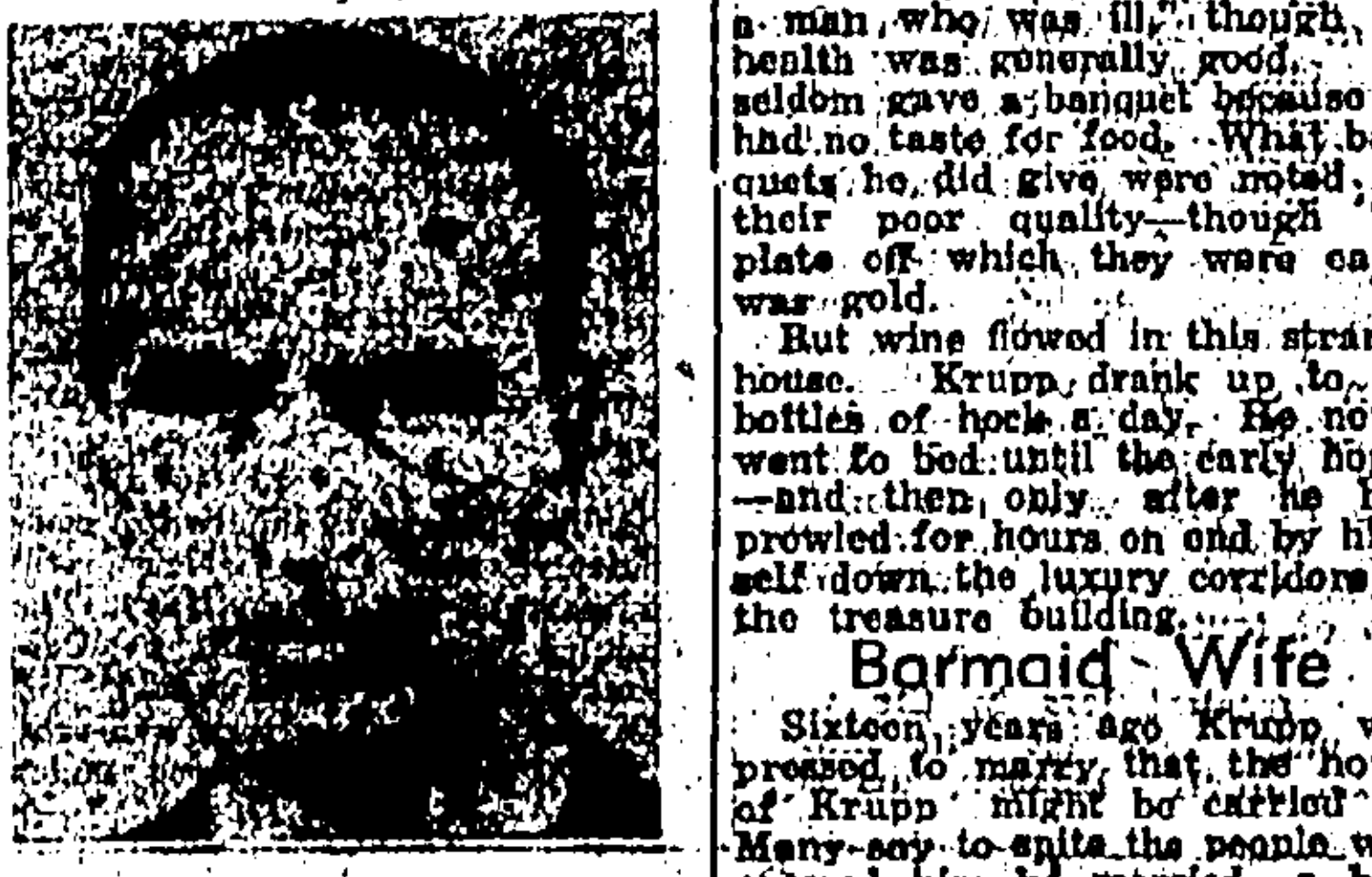
An hour earlier I had seen this almost legendary figure of the armament world go meekly to his surrender while the battle raged in his wooded, meticulously cared-for grounds.

A few miles away, in Essen itself, the vast Krupp factories and foundries, furnaces and drop-proof office in a gigantic pile of twisted metal, powdered masonry—destroyed evil. The 20 ft. metal statue of the first Krupp lay upside down in a bomb crater.

The house of Krupp had fallen. So far, a better of dogs and a better of children, the 87-year-old Alfred Krupp was hated by women because of his greed, and feared by men because of his wealth and the power it gave him. Surrounded by 300 servants in his preposterous mansion, which made a treasure gallery look like a tawdry side-show, he was the loneliest man in all Germany.

The piling up of millions, no matter what it cost in lives or in the misery of his tens of thousands of workers, was an obsession with Krupp.

He wanted nothing else. He had no political ambitions beyond an acceptance of the Nazi party for the protection it gave him. He was a miser, a miser in the true sense. When, dejectedly, he surrendered his sickly-looking body to advancing troops, he was



ALFRED KRUPP

of humanity in the man. There was certainly no sign of it in his mansion.

The only photograph in his study was of himself. His initials were on everything one touched. There were never any parties held by this fabulously rich man in his incredibly over-taxed house.

Even Hitler had consistently refused to visit him because he could not stand the austere humanity of the place.

Krupp never entertained women, and always refused to allow his executives to bring their wives when they were required to stay for week-end business conferences.

The dressing tables of every guest room carried military hair-brushes, pipe-racks. There were scores of motor-cars but not one maid. In the words of Kurt Svalgaard, his personal chauffeur: "This was a man's house."

Krupp packed the place with treasures. Even the door-knobs were made of gold, and the bell-pushers were precious stones. The contents of the whole place were valued at £25,000,000. The art gallery alone, appalling in its taste, was valued at £9,000,000.

Krupp, in the words of Fritz Loeb, his head butler, "like a man who was ill, though his health was generally good. He seldom gave a banquet because he had no taste for food. What butlers he did give were model for their poor quality, though the plate off which they were eaten was gold."

But wine flowed in this strange house. Krupp drank up to six bottles of hooker a day. He would go to bed until the early hours—and then, only after he had prowled for hours on end by himself down the luxury corridors of the treasure building.

Barmid Wife

Sixteen years ago Krupp was pressed to marry that the house of Krupp might be carried on. Many say to spite the people who pressed him he married a barmid. In Austria, certainly, he had no taste for food. What butlers he did give were model for their poor quality, though the plate off which they were eaten was gold.

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Krupp's wife bore him a daughter. Krupp was so fond of her that it was not a son that he desired, his wife never bore him any more children.

Most of his life he spent in financial depletion to furnish his mansion and money into treasure.

Surrounded by all he desired, Krupp died at the age of 87.

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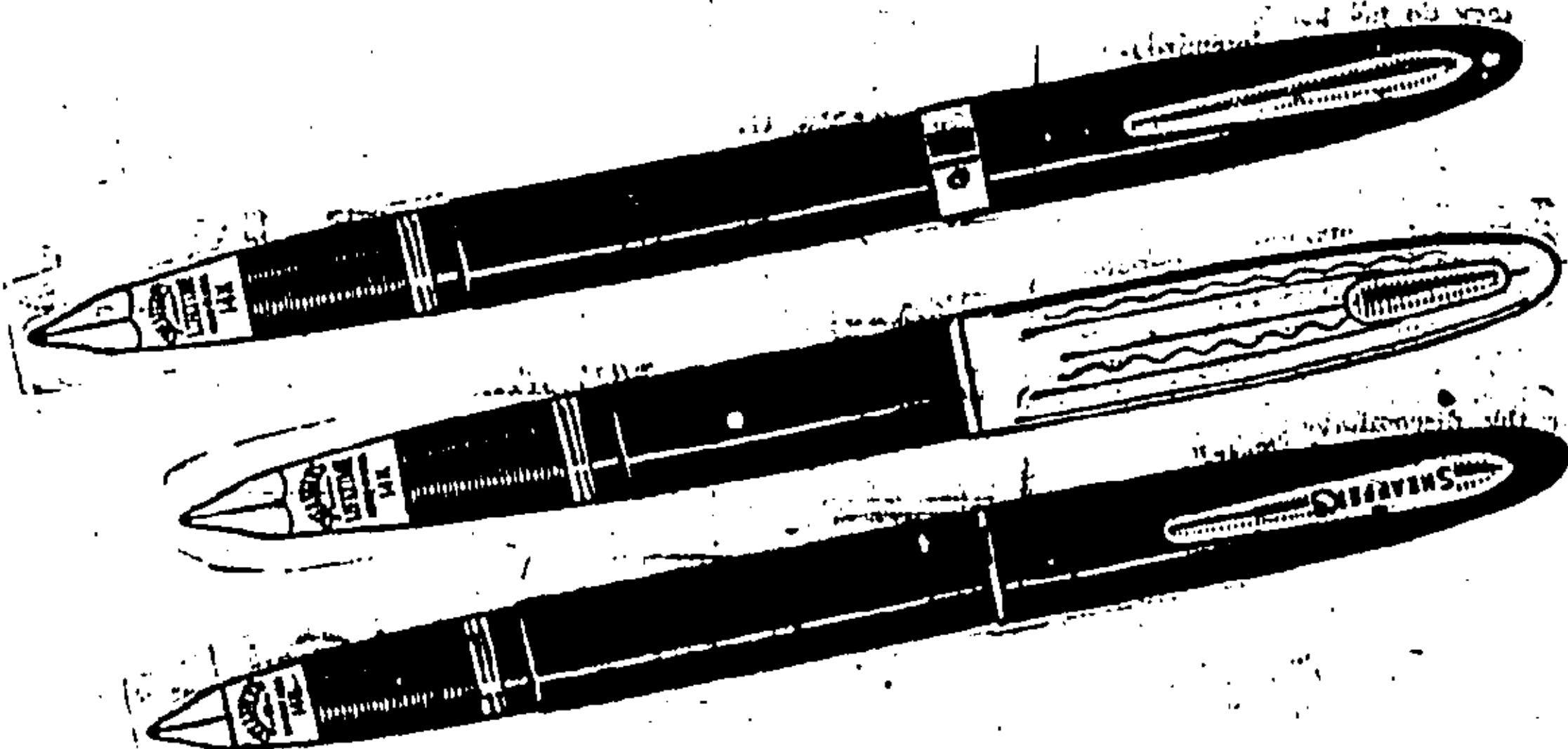


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New Year Resolutions

Years ago, when I was an eager boy of 42, I used to run competitions in a newspaper, inventing—or copying out of magazines—mathematical puzzles, or questions like: "If A and Y are letters, write Z, unless 5 and 6 add up to 10, in which case don't write anything but B."

(The answer to that, queerly enough, is B, but I still can't see it.)

Then, one New Year's Eve, I invented a new kind of competition.

"There will be a prize," I wrote, "of 50 cigarettes for the reader who adheres most closely to his New Year resolutions tomorrow." (I had the knack in those days of putting things more clearly than I can now.) "Send me a letter," I went on, "telling me how you spent New Year's Day. Be honest about the resolutions you kept to. There is, of course, no need for me to stress the necessity for the truth."

A number of letters came back. Some of them were lists of resolutions that readers were going to make, and I put them on one side. I still feel that some newspaper readers can't really read. But there were enough answers in the correct form to keep me busy.

I found the winner almost at once. This was his letter:

"Dear Sir,

Before I pass on to my effort may I thank you for your latest. It has been a real breath of fresh air. In these material times we are all inclined to think too much of material rewards, but I do feel that your latest effort has shown all of us that there is something more important than materialism."

(I had another look at the envelope. It was addressed to me all right.)

"But now to work," I read on. "I got up this morning, New Year's Day, at 6 o'clock. It is many years since I did my exercises, but I really enjoyed them. Then I took the dog for a walk. I also mended the door of the greenhouse and put a washer on the scullery tap. I made breakfast for my wife and myself, and brought it up to her on a tray. I gave her the newspaper. After breakfast I threw

my pipe and tobacco pouch into the wastepaper basket and sent off several cheques to deserving charities. I also sent cheques to my dentist, tailor, and doctor. I arrived at the office at ten to nine. Not wishing to bore you with the technical details of the Civil Service, I shall merely say that I cleared all the documents in my 'Urgent' tray, and made a good start on 'Pending.' Before going home to lunch, I rang my wife and asked if I could do any shopping. In the afternoon I finished 'Pending,' and assisted a colleague who was some weeks in arrears with his 'Absolutely Imperative.' On the way home I bought my wife some flowers. That night I called my festsaw, and finished off two book-ends. I began last May. Before going to bed at 9.30 I cleaned my teeth.

"Hoping this finds you well, and that my little effort will win the prize,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

"A NEW MAN."

The name and address followed in brackets.

I don't have to tell you that the New Man won the prize. I reprinted his letter, congratulated him, and sent him the 50 cigarettes. Even if he had given up his pipe I thought I

might allow him this small indulgence.

Then I had an idea. I waited a week—and went to visit the New Man at his home. I wanted to see if he was keeping it up, and, if so how high it had got him.

It was a small, red-brick house on the edge of the town. A rusty lawn-mower was lying in the middle of the grass.

When I rang the bell a dismal-looking grey-haired woman came to the door.

"Him," she said. "You'll find him in the boozery, if he hasn't fell down getting there."

I found the pub on the corner of the street. I went in and ordered a beer from the barman.

There was a thick-set man with a muffled slumped in a corner seat. He was reading a newspaper folded very small. A cigarette butt decorated his lower lip. There was another cigarette behind his ear. It might have been three or four days since he'd shaved.

"Is that the chap who won the prize in the newspaper competition?" I asked the barman.

In the circumstances I didn't want to commit myself too deeply.

"That's him," said the barman indifferently.

"He doesn't look much like a Civil Servant," I said.

"You might," said the bar-

man—"you might just get him to lean on a shovel if he was coaxed."

"But what happened?" I said.

"Did he make it all up?"

"He didn't," said the barman.

"But a couple of young chaps in here on Saturday night did. Sent off the letter to the paper with his name and address."

But wasn't he surprised when the cigarettes arrived?" I said.

"And what about the newspaper story? He must have been annoyed."

"He was in here Tuesday," said the barman reminiscently.

"With his coat off. It was the bit about bringing up the tray to the wife that really got him going."

"I set the puzzle," I told the barman.

He showed a faint spark of interest. "You did, did you?" he said.

"Well, if I was you I'd get to hell out of here before the old fellow finds out. He's taking action for libel, slander, and defamation of character—after he's seen you himself."

"Thanks," I told him, "I was going anyway."

I never heard any more about it. But I've never made any more New Year resolutions. There is a lack of reverence, it seems to me, the part of other people towards the old and worthy custom.

WILL FRANCO SPAIN BE EUROPE'S BULWARK?

By CEDRIC SALTER

There is a great deal of convincing evidence from Italy that a Communist coup is planned to synchronise with the departure of the last American troops in March.

In France each weak, new, compromise Government is first sabotaged and then flicked contemptuously out of power by Communist pressure. Although the Communists have just had a reverse, Thorez and Company make no secret of the fact that a D. Gaullie Government, rallying all the forces of the Right and Centre, since it might seriously check the Communist master plan, would probably provoke a class civil war.

Disagreeable

These are the disagreeable facts, which can be vouched for by anyone in close touch with European affairs, anyone, that is, who is not afraid of the angry scream of "Fascist" that is automatically applied to anyone who is prepared to be honestly outspoken about the plans of International Communism.

Unless the Council of Foreign Ministers now working up, can achieve something in the way of sincere co-operation with Moscow we shall be pulling out of the worst of our economic crisis just in time to witness a Communist Europe with its frontiers at the Channel and the Pyrenees.

Those were the frontiers of Nazi Europe in 1940. However, in 1940 we were at war with Nazi Europe, whereas, next year, we shall not be at war with Communist Europe. The difference is a supremely important one, but, even so, ask yourself honestly just how you would feel about your family, your home and your future, with

a Russian, or Russian puppet Europe with its boundaries at the Channel and the Pyrenees.

Do you believe that, having achieved domination of the Continent after thirty years of patient effort, International Communism would then call it a day?

Can any power, however well intentioned, that is seeking a total domination of Europe, ever call it a day?

History says "No," but you may say "Yes," and we all hope that you are right, and the entire lesson of history is wrong.

Anyway, whatever we may feel about the security of what may soon become the Channel frontier, they don't share your optimism on the other one—the Pyrenees frontier.

They believe in Spain that France will fall to Communism, and that, when that happens, Spain will not be able to bluff her way out of it this time with a few friendly speeches, as she did in 1940-41.

They may be quite wrong, but they think that this time they will have to fight to defend that frontier against the dominant European force; and they intend to fight.

The Difference

There are plenty of Communists in Spain but, make no mistake, all but the irreconcilable ten per cent. will become just plain, and very obstinate, Spaniards as soon as any foreign power lays a finger on the Pyrenees passes. If they are right in their fears, and Italy and France do go Communist, what is Spain's role? With the Iron Curtain sudden-

ly moved westwards, to the Pyrenees the Iberian peninsula becomes of incalculable strategic importance.

To International Communism it becomes a potentially dangerous bridge-head back into Europe for America and all other anti-Communist forces in the world. For the non-Communists it represents the site for a back-to-the-wall stand, while they muster their forces to strike back eastwards should Communism compel them to fight once again for the same things that they sought to defend in 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

What is France's position if France goes Communist?

Sickened

Many of his enemies believe that, sickened by years of calculated insults from U.N.O., he would make a quick deal with Communism, and retire to live in comfort in the Argentine, if he found a Red Europe, set upon war, on the other side of the Pyrenees.

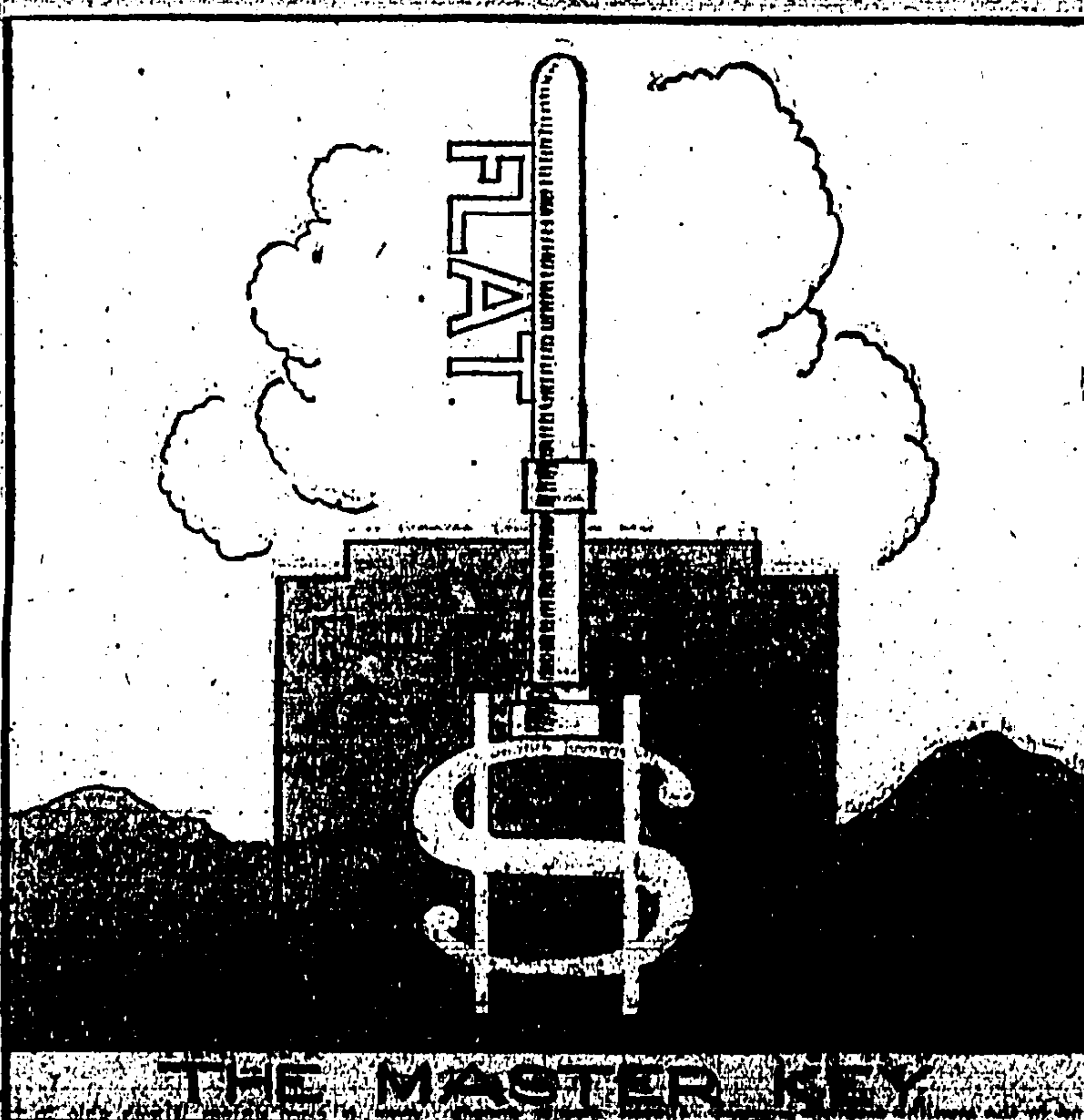
Those who know him best, even those who see and admit the manifest imperfections in his regime, do not believe this.

They know, too well, that Franco sees himself as the one fixedly anti-Communist, point around which the shifting and tortuous policies of other countries, driven by the exacting demands of war and peace, have revolved. These other countries, he believes, must make common cause with him when the final struggle comes.

He may be all wrong in believing it, but at least such a belief rules out the chances of a quick deal with International Communism, even assuming that Moscow would accept one.

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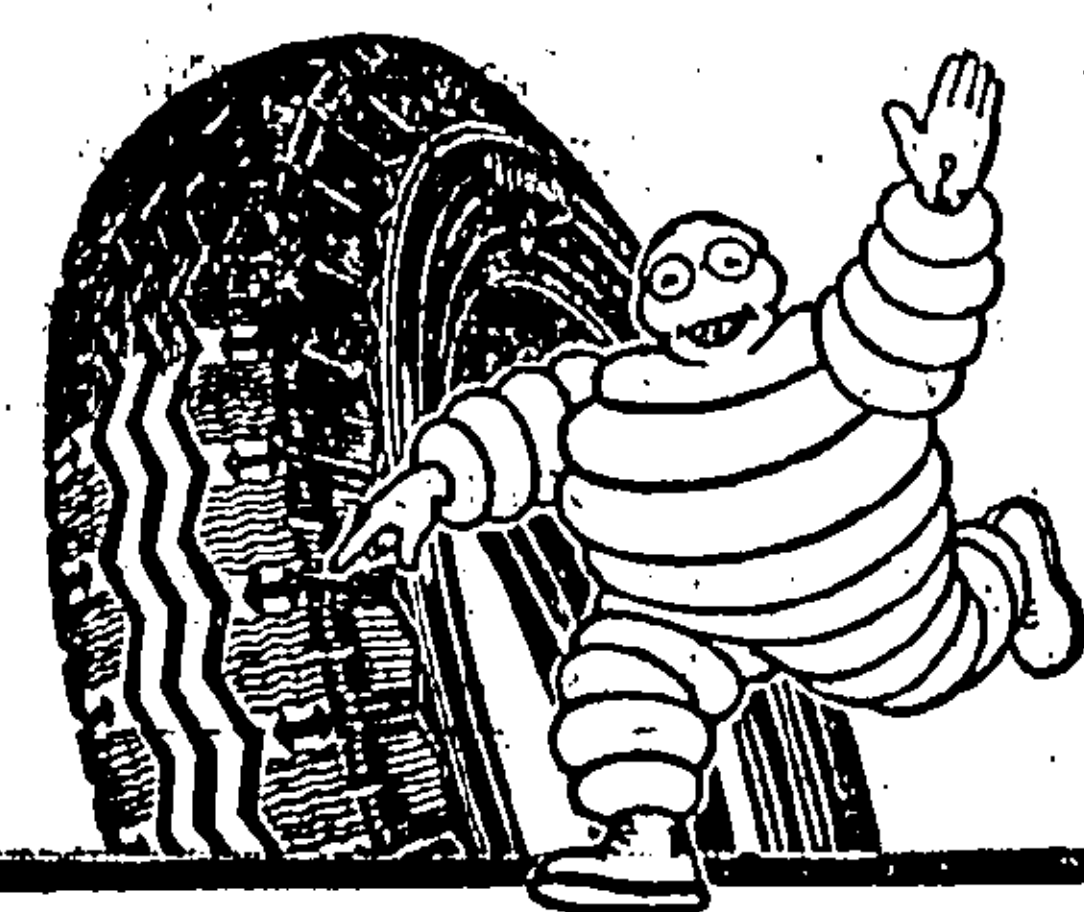


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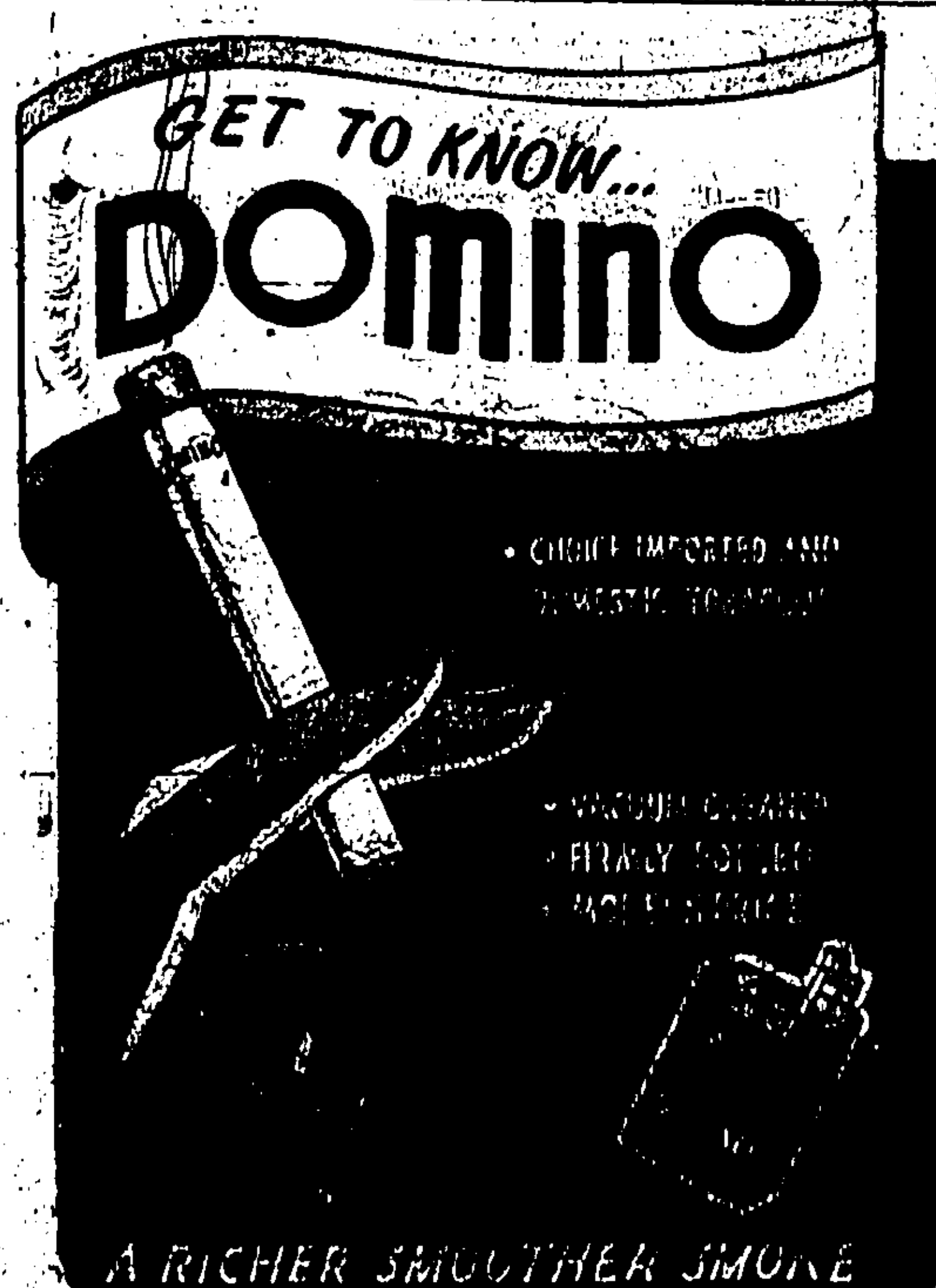
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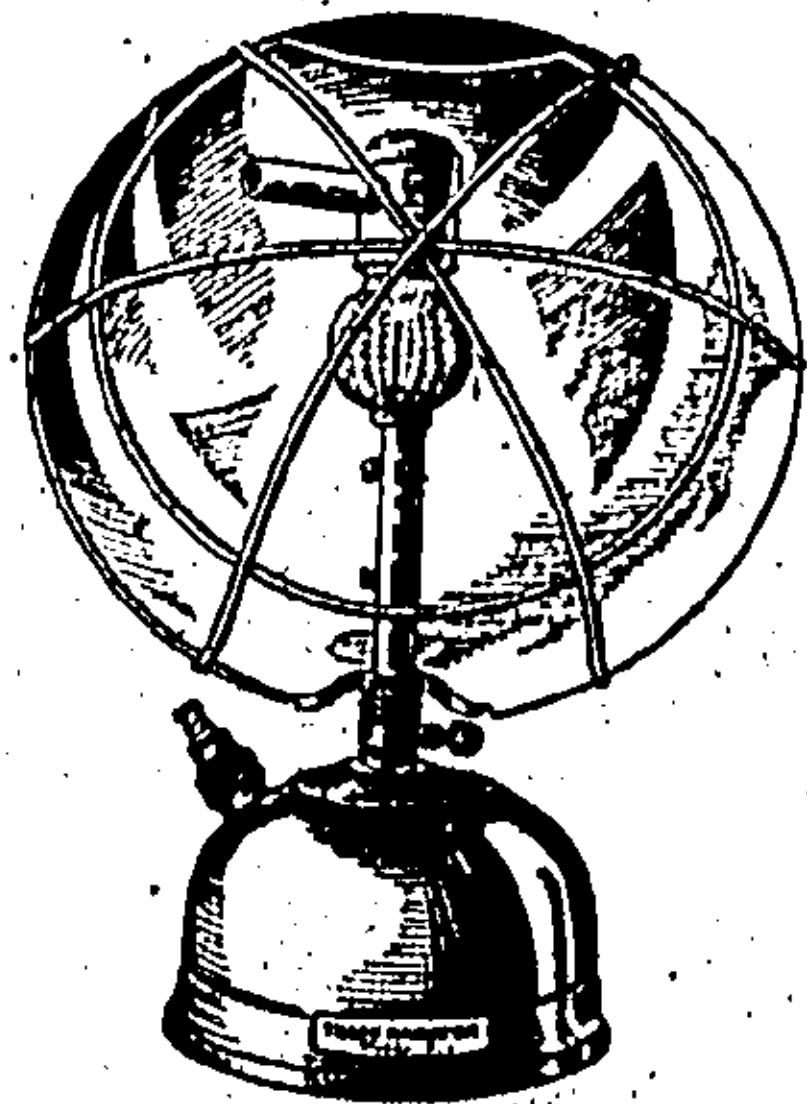
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U.S. BOLSTERS DARDANELLES

Transfer Of Fifteen Warships To Turkey

Potent Reminder To Russia

Washington, Jan. 10. The United States today bolstered the defences of the Dardanelles by the transfer of four powerful long-range submarines to the Turkish Navy, plus 11 other warcraft especially suitable for operations in that strategic Middle East area.

This brings to 33 the number of former U.S. warships assigned this week for service with the Turkish and Greek fleets and serves as a potent reminder to Soviet Russia that the United States does not intend to permit the straits to fall under Communist control.

To-day's announcement by the Navy climaxes a series of military and diplomatic moves designed to put Russia and her Balkan satellites on notice that any action to change the balance of power in that traditional " tinder box " area will result in serious consequences.

And it pointed up a recent statement by Rear-Admiral Felix Johnson, Navy Public Relations Director, that the United States fleet is the "big stick" of American diplomacy. Already 1,000 or more Marines, fully equipped for landing operations, are en route to the Mediterranean.

Next month Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, former Chief of the Planning Office for Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, will take command of the Mediterranean Naval Forces headed by the powerful carrier Midway.

Training In U.S.

The Navy announcement said that the four fleet type submarines, the Brill, Blueback, Boadfish and Chub, will be delivered to a Turkish port by American crews.

The other vessels—eight motor sweepers, one net laying vessel, one gasoline tanker and one repair vessel—will be handed over to Turkish sailors specially trained in this country. Over 200 have already received training here and to-morrow another contingent will arrive in Norfolk on board the U.S. Navy tanker Tappahannock. All told 350 Turkish officers and crewmen will be trained at Naval schools along the East Coast and at Great Lakes, Illinois.

The addition of four undersize vessels to the Turkish fleet brings its strength in that category to

Red Fleet

The exact distribution of the Red fleet is a closely kept secret, but experts have noted that the predominance of such vessels is concentrated at the Pacific port of Vladivostok with strong squadrons in the Baltic and Black Seas.

The subs to be handed over to Turkey do not have a device which enables them to stay submerged for extended periods. However, in the narrow confines of the Dardanelles and the Black Sea itself, such equipment would not be essential.

Principal use of the undersize vessels, aside from the symbolism their transfer conveys to Russia, will be in further training operations for Turkish seamen, U.S. naval experts told a reporter. Operating strictly in harassing actions against enemy shipping they could be highly effective in delaying any supply movements, they pointed out. Since they are of the long-range type, they are also ideally suited for scouting operations.—Associated Press.

BENELUX TALKS

The Hague, Jan. 10. A conference of Benelux Cabinet Ministers will take place here on Jan. 20 and 30.

The Dutch Ministers attending will be Baron Van Besselar (Foreign Affairs), M. Gerald W. Juymans (Economic Affairs), M. Mansholt (Agriculture) and M. Hendrick Vos (Transport).

The three Benelux Trade Union Federations, at a meeting here today, unanimously approved the Marshall aid plan. Discussions will be continued in the near future.—Reuter.

REVISION OR A SINKING

Washington, Jan. 10. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, bluntly told State Department officials today they must revise their plans for handling the European aid programme "or you are sunk without a trace."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said there must be a "new element of business administration" in which the American people have confidence. He added that this is lacking in the bill at present before Congress.—Associated Press.

Saved By Tree And A Post

Blackpool, Jan. 10. A tree and a lamp-post prevented a bus loaded with 48 work people from plunging into a lake here today.

The bus was on its way to a Lancashire aircraft factory when it skidded, mounted the pavement, snapped off the lamp post and tore up the tree by the roots before turning over on its side on the bank of the park's lake.

Twenty-two people were injured and three detained in hospital.—Reuter.

MOSCOW SEEING THINGS

London, Jan. 10. A Moscow radio commentator commented in a broadcast last night that the sending of American Marines to the Mediterranean "confirms reports in the foreign press of plans for the military occupation of Greece by American armed forces."

It said plans for an American occupation were confirmed by the expected arrival in Greek ports of American Marines, the expansion of the Greek Government Army and Gendarmerie by more than 40,000 men, as well as other military measures carried out in haste by the United States.—Associated Press.

"Lion Men Murders" Execution

DAR-ES-SALAAM, JAN. 10. THREE WOMEN AND FOUR MEN WERE HANGED TODAY IN DODOMA PRISON FOR TAKING PART IN THE "LION MEN" MURDERS IN THE SINGIDA DISTRICT OF EAST AFRICA EARLY LAST YEAR.

During the enquiries into the murders, allegedly committed by the "Lion Men" or witch doctors, 61 native men and women were arrested.

According to some accounts, the "Lion Men", wearing lion skins, stalked their victims and attacked them with knives. A total of 35 killings had been reported, of which six were later proved to have actually been done by man-eating lions.

The Court of Appeal for East Africa, strongly criticising the trial judge for his "errors in procedure", and the "unseemly and unnecessary haste," ordered a retrial in 10 cases, quashed nine convictions and dismissed the appeals of seven.—Reuter.

TAIYUAN DEATH SENTENCES

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Fifteen persons convicted on charges of sabotage, espionage and other activities, aiding and abetting the Communist armed rebellion, were sentenced to death yesterday in Taiyuan, capital of Shansi province, by the Taiyuan garrison command, according to Chinese press reports.

The sentences are in accordance with the emergency criminal code covering the period for suppression of the Communist armed rebellion.—Reuter.

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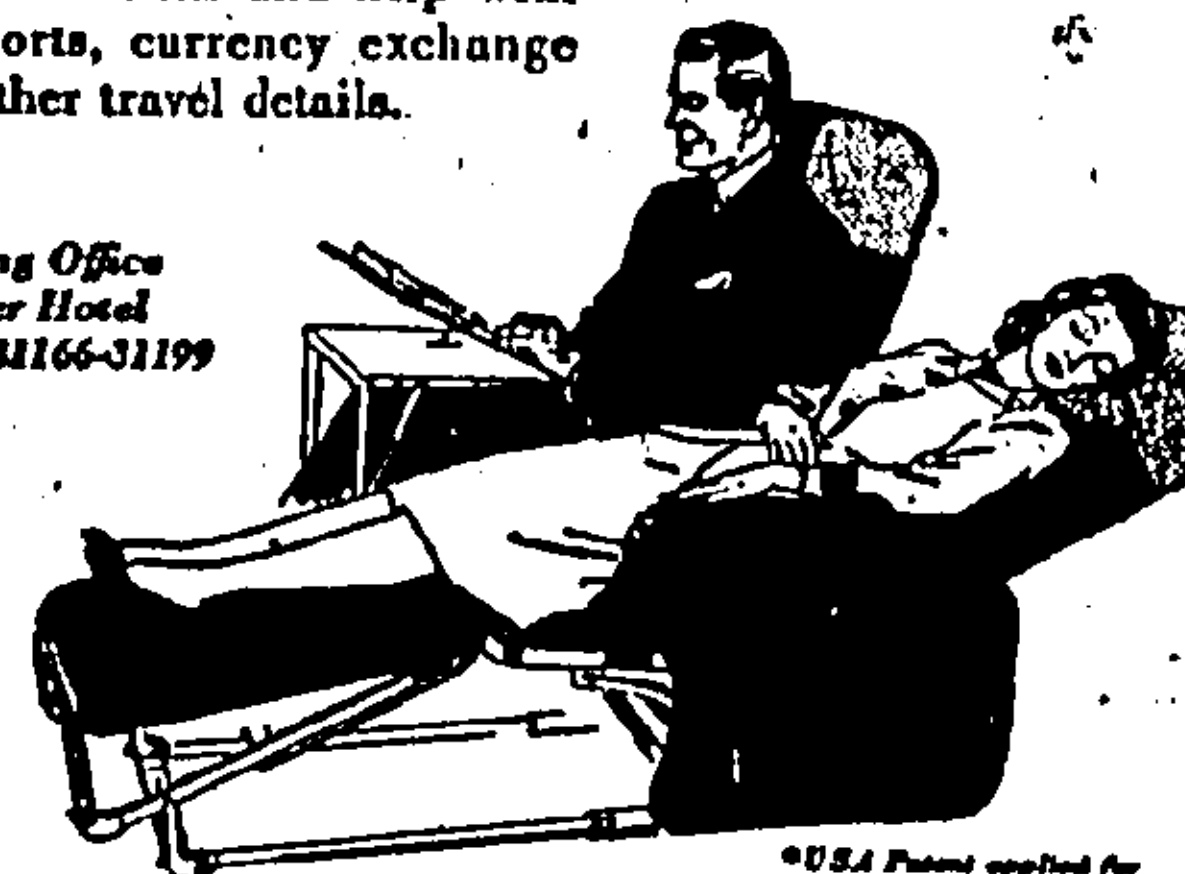
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URGENT CONSULTATION ON GERMAN CRISIS

London, Jan. 10. Urgent top level consultations were going on among Ministers and officials dealing with occupied Germany here today in an effort to deal with the worsening food supplies in the British Zone and to prevent a repetition of the springtime food crisis of last year.

Responsible quarters here even there the downward trend was fully aware of the deterioration of the effective rations in the Zone and particularly in the Ruhr, even before the outbreak of local strikes drew attention to it.

Rations effectively distributed in Rhineland-Westphalia had fallen from around 1,500 calories for normal consumers to some 1,234 calories by the end of the last rationing period, with each week's actual distribution lagging somewhat behind the rations called up.

Distribution in other areas was slightly higher, and more effectively supplemented by "black market" supplies, but

Failure to maintain the rations is entirely due to the virtual collapse in the distribution of potatoes, meat and fat as between the different German States.

Refusal of the States to share their surplus fairly, despite orders from the bi-zonal Food Office, has been one of the principal reasons for strengthening the central powers in the bi-zonal reorganisation now proposed by the British and Americans.—Reuter.

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of WILLIAM GOCK-
YOUNG, who passed away on
11th January, 1947. "It is the
will of God that he should rest
with the Lord"

Inserted by Rose & Bill.

KOWLOON CITY

Whatever else may remain for
discussion, the decisive argument
about Kowloon City is that there
is no Kowloon City. All but a
few fragments of the old city
wall were removed during the
Japanese Occupation and, as we
pointed out in these columns a
month ago, it would be difficult
today without a large-scale map
to locate the original site.

This, no doubt, was in the
Government's mind when, yes-
terday afternoon, it issued its
first formal statement on the
action taken against squatters in
the area, and ignored altogether
the question of jurisdiction. Res-
ponsibly-minded people, after all,
must discover difficulty in dis-
puting, or arguing, legal rights
over what is little more than a
heap of rubble.

There can, in any case, be lit-
tle point in discussing in 1948
an issue which was settled nearly
fifty years ago. The Conven-
tion for the Lease of the New
Territories was signed in Peking
on June 9, 1898. The Hong
Kong authorities made no seri-
ous move to occupy the area until
April, 1899. Lack of co-
operation on the part of the
Chinese officials in Canton led
to a series of incidents during
the transfer. There was serious
resistance on the part of villagers,
instigated by Secret Societies, and
by local militia, at Taiipo Hu
and other centres, and a mini-
ature campaign by military and
Police was necessary before the
entire leased area had been oc-
cupied and pacified. The British
Flag was hoisted over Taiipo
Hu on April 16, and outside
Kowloon walled city, in the pre-
sence of the Governor, Sir Henry
Blake, on April 17. Following
the latter ceremony the garrison
and population of the City,
which was an insanitary slum,
were evicted. On April 21,
1899, the Secretary of Chamber
of Commerce, in a letter to the
Colonial Secretary declared that:

"Recent occurrences have
convincingly demonstrated the
inutility if not the actual mi-
chance of mandarin in-
fluence, and furnished excel-
lent reasons for the removal of
the Chinese officials from
Kowloon City, which other-
wise will remain a focus of
intrigue against the authority
of the Hong Kong Govern-
ment."

Definite action was not taken
until the end of the year. At a
meeting of the Privy Council
held on December 27 an Order
was approved which, after recit-
ing the terms of the Convention,
and of the Order in Council
providing for the taking over and
administration of the Leased
Territory, proceeded:

"Whereas by Article 4 of
the said Order in Council it
was provided that notwith-
standing anything in the said
Order in Council contained,
the Chinese officials at the
date of the said Order in
Council stationed within the
City of Kowloon should con-
tinue to exercise jurisdiction
therein except in so far as
might be inconsistent with the
military requirements for the
defence of Hong Kong;

"And whereas the exercise of
jurisdiction by the Chinese
officials in the City of Kow-
loon, having been found to be
inconsistent with the military
requirements of Hong Kong,
it is expedient that Article 4
of the said Order in Council
should be revoked, and that the
Chinese officials within the
City of Kowloon cease to ex-
ercise jurisdiction therein; and
that the said City of Kowloon
should become part and parcel
of Her Majesty's Colony of
Hong Kong for all purposes
during the continuance of the
term of the lease in the said
Convention mentioned;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty

CHINA AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING

By H.G.W. Woodhead C.B.E.

"In matters of commerce,"
wrote George Canning over a
century ago, "the fault of the
Dutch, is offering too little and
asking too much." With at
least equal truth it might be as-
serted today that in the matter
of commercial and political re-
lations with China, since V. J.
Day, the fault of the British
and Hong Kong Governments
has been giving too much, and
asking too little. It is unneces-
sary here to recapitulate the
concessions and gestures of
goodwill extended to the Chi-
nese Government and Canton
by this Colony since August
1945. Most, if not all of them
have been given without any
request for or stipulation of
reciprocity. The British Gov-
ernment has been unable, after
some eighteen months of nego-
tiations to conclude a Commer-
cial Treaty with China, presum-
ably because of the uproar
which followed the signature of
a Treaty of complete equality
between Nanking and Washing-
ton. Chinese critics maintained
that a Treaty based upon com-
plete equality was not, in effect,
an equal treaty, because their
country could not avail itself of
all the concessions granted by
the other party, and therefore
claimed that it should have a
privileged position under any
post-war Treaties.

Serious Factor

The extreme nationalistic at-
titude of many Chinese vested
interests has constituted a
serious factor in retarding
China's rehabilitation and re-
covery. In no field has this
been more evident than in the
restrictions imposed upon For-
eign shipping. China is, of
course, quite within her rights
to ban foreign vessels from her
coastal trade and inland water-
ways. But what is lawful is
not always expedient especially
in this case where the gap caused
by the exclusion of Foreign
tonnage cannot be filled by ves-
sels under the Chinese flag.
The deleterious consequences to
China's export trade resulting
from the exclusion of Foreign
shipping from the Yangtze has
repeatedly been brought to the
attention of the Chinese Govern-
ment. China's shipping mono-
polies are incapable of hand-
ling the former enormous river
traffic on anything like an
economic basis, and the pro-
hibitive cost of unloading, stor-
ing, and reshipping river car-
goes at Shanghai has virtually
strangled the import, and—
what is more important—the
export, trade of the Yangtze
valley. The desire of foreign

is pleased by and with the ad-
vice of her Privy Council, to
order, and it is hereby ordered,
as follows:

1. Article 4 of the Order of
Her Majesty in Council of
the 20th of October, 1898, is
hereby revoked, without pre-
judice to anything lawfully
done thereunder.

2. The City of Kowloon
shall be, and the same is de-
clared to be for the term of
the Lease in the said Conven-
tion mentioned part and parcel
of Her Majesty's Colony of
Hong Kong, in like manner
and for all intents and pur-
poses, as if it originally formed
part of the said Colony.

3. The provisions of the
said Order in Council of the
20th of October, 1898 shall
apply to the City of Kowloon
in like manner as if the said
City had by the said Order in
Council been declared to be
part and parcel of Her Ma-
jesty's Colony of Hong Kong.
And the Rt. Hon. Joseph
Chamberlain, one of Her
Majesty's Principal Secretaries
of State, is to give the ne-
cessary directions herein accord-
ingly."

As a result of this Order in
Council the site of the former
Kowloon City has ever since
been administered on the same
footing as the rest of the Leased
Territory.

Beyond this, surely, there is
no need to go. In the Kowloon
City area, the local authorities
have carried out certain measures
considered essential for health
reasons—the benefit of the Col-
ony as a whole—just as it has
done in other areas.

The agitation, the chauvinism,

shipping companies to be allow-
ed to lead and discharge car-
goes at Hankow and inter-
mediate ports when river-levels
permit is not unreasonable when
one recalls that foreign ship-
ping is permitted to proceed
hundreds of miles up the St.
Lawrence to Quebec and Mon-
treal, and for considerable dis-
tances within territorial waters
or river channels to numerous
other ports throughout the Bri-
tish Empire, and the United
States. If the dog-in-the-
manger attitude of Chinese
shipping interests cannot be
overcome or over-ridden by the
Chinese Government, there can
be little hope of an early re-
vival of the Yangtze's former
export trade.

Goodwill Gestures

During the past few days
further gestures of goodwill to-
wards China have been given
by the Hong Kong Government.
It has agreed to place under
licence all exports of "China
exports," i.e. of commodities
originating in China, and such
licences will only be granted
where the application is accom-
panied by a Certificate of Ori-
gin issued by the Chinese au-
thorities.

Recent action regarding
"China exports" is, of course,
designed to prevent smuggling
out of China. The Colony is
also doing everything that can
reasonably be expected of it to
co-operate in preventing smug-
gling into China. Not only
does its Preventive Staff do its
utmost to prevent the shipment
of unmanifested cargo; it has
been alleged in the Press dur-
ing the past few days that Chi-
nese Customs officers, function-
ing at Kowloon Railway Sta-
tion, are permitted (in British
Territory) to confiscate any-
thing they choose to regard as
an illegal import into China,
without any legal action, or any
possibility of redress for the
victim. This arbitrary action
on British soil, ought not, of
course, to be tolerated. But
there are other aspects of the
Chinese Government's anti-
smuggling activities which de-
mand urgent attention. Smug-
gling on the scale on which it
is conducted in China would
not, of course, be possible, with-
out official connivance. Almost
every shipping Master who calls
at any Chinese port could tell
stories of boarding by Gen-
darmerie or Garrison forces to
take delivery of unmanifested
cargo.

The most rigorous pre-
cautions on the part of the
Hong Kong Preventive authori-
ties, and of the Officers of mer-
chant ships, cannot eliminate
smuggling under such condi-
tions. Moreover, any Officer
who identifies and orders the
removal of unmanifested cargo
exposes himself and his ship to
reprisals. Witness the case of
the Dutch ship that called at
Amoy a few weeks ago, after
unmanifested cargo had been
removed at the Captain's re-
quest, by the Hong Kong au-
thorities. The vessel was
boarded at Amoy by a gang of
armed men, who seized the
ship's compradore and demand-
ed full "indemnity" for the un-

manifested cargo that had been
removed. The vessel was only
able to leave after blackmail
amounting to HK\$7,500 had
been paid to these bandits.

On several occasions recently
foreign vessels on which the
Customs claim to have discover-
ed unmanifested cargo have
been detained for days, if not
weeks, and condemned to
astronomical fines in CNC dol-
lars. Imagine the Queen
Elizabeth or the Mauritania be-
ing detained in New York for
days on end, and fined enormous
sums, because one or more pas-
sengers have been found to be
in possession of undeclared dia-
monds, Paris frocks, lingerie or
fur coats.

China's Laws

China's Customs Preventive
Laws provide for heavy fines
for the transportation of smug-
gled cargoes, in addition to con-
fiscation, but they also provide
for appeal to the Kuan Wu Shu
(Customs Administration)
against local decisions, and for
further recourse to "adminis-
trative legislation." Moreover
Article 21 of these Laws speci-
fically provides that where car-
riage of smuggled goods is un-
dertaken without the knowledge
of the persons concerned, the
penalties may be waived. In
two recent cases in which Bri-
tish steamships were detained
for long periods and heavily
fined, at Canton, it was not
seriously suggested that the
owners, master, or officers
were implicated (although ab-
sconding members of the crew
had "planted" smuggled goods
in the Captain's cabin on one
occasion).

Precarious Position

It is humanly impossible,
whatever precautions may be
taken by the Hong Kong au-
thorities or the ship's officers,
to prevent smuggling while it
is encouraged and participated
in by Chinese Customs, naval
and military officials; and it is
a manifest miscarriage of jus-
tice that shipowners should be
penalized by heavy fines and
demurrage expenses at the
whim of local Customs officials.
The case of the Dutch vessel
at Amoy, mentioned above, sug-
gests that ship's officers only
increase the hazards by identi-
fying and causing the removal
of unmanifested cargo. Smug-
gling is obviously in the hands
of well organized gangs of
racketeers, interference with
whom by the ship's personnel
exposes them to risk of life and
limb. Now that piracy has
been added to the risk of local
blackmail, and indiscriminate
and irresponsible detention,
and fines, it may be wondered
whether the day is not ap-
proaching when it will not
prove worth while for foreign
steamship owners to set their
vessels call to discharge car-
goes, even at those ports to
which access is permitted un-
der Chinese law. The situation
is already so precarious that
Masters who desire to prevent
interference with their Com-
pany's vessels dare not report
the illicit activities of the Woo-
sung Garrison and other Chi-
nese armed forces at the coastal
ports.

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Kung Sheung Yat Po: Re-
cently, the Press published two
items of news: Burma's de-
claration of independence and
Hong Kong's large-scale out-
rigger boats to demolish
houses in Kowloon City. The
news placed one in a dilemma;
one could neither rejoice nor
weep.

After Liberation, there was the
suspension of the National
Times, and the "Hawker
Incident," and the "border in-
cident." These were suitably
settled after discussions between
the Canton and Hong Kong
authorities. We had hoped that
the more serious "Kowloon City
question" would also be suitably
settled through discussions based
on the content of the Peking
Convention and in a friendly
manner.

Besides strongly reprimanding
the local representatives of
China's Foreign Ministry for
following routine needlessly, we
must also express our disap-
satisfaction with the action taken
by the Hong Kong Government
while negotiation were still in
progress.

"Not Wrong"

Sing Tao. Mr. Pao: Is Kow-
loon City Chinese territory? Has
China jurisdiction over the
area? These questions have yet
to be answered by the local
Chinese Foreign Ministry authori-
ties. With these questions un-
answered, the residents in Kow-
loon City were not wrong in
"sticking to their guns."

If our local Foreign Affairs

had given some reason why
jurisdiction over Kowloon City
cannot be enforced, the people
concerned could have made their
own preparations to move out to
other sites. There is no justifi-
cation for the confusion that has
resulted.

National Times: We have re-
peatedly pointed out that there is
not the slightest doubt that juris-
diction over Kowloon City belongs
to China. Hong Kong Govern-
ment's action is an infringement
on China's jurisdiction.

Even admitting that jurisdiction
over Kowloon City was still being
fought out between the Chinese
and British authorities, the action
by the Hong Kong Government in
forcibly demolishing the houses
(while discussions have not yet
been completed) can only be
described as ferocious imperialis-
tic act.

Burma

National Times: After 60 years
in bondage, Burma has become an
independent nation. Historically
and geographically it is of great
significance to the world.
Relations between China and
independent will be closer than
ever before. China is a neigh-
bour of Burma and relations be-
tween the two states have existed
since the Han Dynasty.
First contact with the Burmans
was made by Chinese traders
who eventually settled there and
helped in building up the economy
of the country.
During the war, our troops
fought on Burma's soil for
liberation from the Japanese and
the Allied cause. Fighting about

MEN, WOMEN AND
MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

Lord Bledisloe, former Gov-
ernor-General of New Zealand
and farming expert and enthu-
siast, called for South Africa on
Christmas Eve on a three months'
goodwill mission on behalf of the
Royal Agricultural Society.

A year ago, when on the verge
of eighty, Lord Bledisloe made a
similar visit to Australia and
New Zealand. Everywhere he
went—and there were few farm-
ing communities however remote
which he did not visit—he urged
the farmers to increase their pro-
duction on behalf of Britain.
From that first mission sprang
the Food for Britain campaign in
the Antipodes.

Now, in his eighty-first year,
Lord Bledisloe hopes by the same
methods—his appeal is that
of a real farmer to fellow-farm-
ers—to achieve the same results
in South Africa, including not
only the Union but also Rhodesia.
His enthusiasm deserves admira-
tion.

Popular Ambassador

Sir Philip Nichols, our Amba-
sador to the Czechoslovak Gov-
ernment since 1941, has just been
transferred to The Hague.

Never, I think, in this century
has a departing British Amba-
sador received such a spontane-
ous and truly national demonstra-
tion of affection from the people
of the country to which he was
accredited. From President Beneš
downwards came such eulogies,
and such warm testimony to the
trust and confidence which the
Czechoslovak people have in him,
as he is not likely to forget.
Newspapers devoted front-page
space to his virtues.

In one sense this demonstration
was a symbol of Czechoslovakia's
traditional link with the West,
but it was also a well-deserved
tribute to the patience, constancy
and ripe judgment which Sir
Philip has always shown in his
handling of Anglo-Czechoslovak
relations. From the first he
realized that, if the Czechoslovaks
were to be saved from complete
and gaily-lighted slavery, the
Communist domination, sympathy
and not criticism was the right
medicine, and he leaves Anglo-
Czechoslovak relations on a far
better basis than he found them
when he first went to Prague.

Sixty-Eight Not Out

Last month, Mr. Stalin cele-
brated his sixty-eighth birthday.
It is a ripe age for a man who
has survived all his leading con-
temporaries and who has lived
through such a period of stress
and storm.

By methods peculiarly his own
he has made his country immen-
sably stronger than he found
it when he achieved power. Not
for a long time, I think, will
Russia be subjected to such blood-
shed and such purges as accom-
panied the elimination of Trotsky
and the Old Guard.

One-Day Sportsman

I have discovered one delegate
who extracted full value from the
Conference of the Foreign Minis-
ters. General Bedell Smith, who
was advising Mr. Marshall on
Russian matters, has a glut of
interests: history, fishing and
shooting.

During the long years of the
war he took only one day off.
He flew to Scotland and caught
his first salmon. One week-end,
during a twenty-four hours' ad-
journment of the Conference, he
accepted an invitation from Prince

Barnard, flew to Holland, and
had a day's shooting. He came
back well-satisfied.

He has now returned to his
ambassadorial post in Moscow.
Like Sir Maurice Peterson, he is
more, or less isolated, but the
Russians treat him with respect.
Only once have they criticized
him publicly, and that was when
"Pravda" wrote: "What kind of
a country is the United States
when it sends its best genera-
ls to fill in the luxury of ambas-
sadorial easy-chairs?"

Intentional
Spoonerism

Although there has been criti-
cism of Sir Frederick Burrows' ap-
pointment as chairman of the
Agricultural Land Commission, I
have often been told by our senior
soldiers and officials in India that
he was a modest, most likeable
and successful Governor of Bengal,
who always put practical results
before Socialist theory.

This former railwayman endear-
ed himself to the people of the
United Provinces by his first
act of office: he told them that
he was a sergeant-major in the
Grenadier Guards than of being
a Governor. He won the affec-
tion of the officials by his first
speech to the big business men
of Calcutta: "Most of you," he
began, "have spent at least a part
of your life in shooting and hunt-
ing. I've spent all mine in hunt-
ing and shooting."

He has given a "big hand."

Ho Say!

I received an invitation to
spend Christmas at Odense, Alas!
I had to refuse it, although I
have for years had a secret am-
bition to be there on Christmas
Day.

In 1937 I was in this little
Danish town a few days before
Christmas. It was a mass of
Christmas trees and festooned
and gaily-lighted streets. Of all
Scandinavian cities Odense has
always seemed to me to epitomize
the Christmas spirit, not only be-
cause many of our own Christmas
customs come to us from Scan-
dinavia, but also because it is the
birthplace of Hans Andersen.

He is still the greatest bene-
factor of his native city. The
Andersen Museum in Odense is
not only a museum in Europe that
not only pays its way but makes
a handsome profit. And the bulk
of the countless visitors are Eng-
lish and American.

Incidentally, in no part of Scan-
dinavia must you say Hans An-
dersen. There are thousands of
Hans Andersens, and few will
know whom you mean. The great
writer must be referred to as H.
C. Andersen—pronounced in
Danish Ho Say Andersen.

Leprosy

Mr. A. Donald Miller, Gen-
eral Secretary of the Mission
to Lepers has just completed a
tour of the main centres of
Leprosy work in China in com-
pany with Dr. Eugene R.
Kellersberger of the American
Mission to Lepers, Dr. N. D.
Fraser of the English Presby-
terian Mission, Swatow, who is
acting as China Secretary for
the Mission to Lepers, and Dr.
S. T. Yang an official repre-
sentative appointed by the Na-
tional Health Administration at
Nanking. Mr. Miller spent 21
years in India where he had
charge of the large Purnala
Leprosy colony with 800 inmates
and where he became the Mis-
sion's Secretary for India. For
his services to India he was in
1939 awarded the Kaiser-i-
Hind Medal in gold. In 1942
Mr. Miller was called to Lon-
don to become General Secre-
tary of the Mission; in the
course of the voyage the vessel
was sunk, and he, with Mrs.
Miller and 63 others, spent 13
days and nights in a small life-
boat before they were rescued.

Work in Congo

Dr. Eugene R. Kellersberger,
General Secretary of the Ameri-
can Mission to Lepers from
1916 to 1941 was at one time
a medical missionary of the
Southern Presbyterian Mission
in Belgian Congo. For many
years his main work was fight-
ing African Sleeping sickness,
for which work he received the
decoration of the Chevalier of
the Order of the Lion, and the
Chevalier of the Order of
Leopold. During his last 12
years of work in the Congo he
also developed large agricul-
tural colony for patients with
leprosy, and established a
plantation—the first in the
Congo—of some 3,000 Chau-
moigne Oil trees, the product
of which were used for the
treatment of the patients. In
1938 Dr. Kellersberger was a
delegate to the First World
Leprosy Congress held in Cairo.
In 1941 he was appointed Gen-
eral Secretary of the American
Mission to Lepers. He is also
a member of the Advisory Com-
mittee on Leprosy to the U.N.
Government.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1948.

Jerusalem the Golden Behind Barbed Wire

If ever there was a town dressed and drilled for war it is Jerusalem. Of course, it is no secret that things sometimes become a little tense and belligerent in Palestine and that from time to time events get out of hand. But it is rather hard to imagine just what they are like until one has seen at first-hand the conditions in a city where the three main groups—Jews, Arabs, and British—all look upon the other two with suspicion.

When first I visited Jerusalem in June, 1943, it was almost as free and open as a city in the American Midwest today. You could walk where you wished, when you wished, and even the opposition of the Stern Gang to the British did not seem to affect the life of the city or of the people to a noticeable degree. There was some barbed wire, but it was all around British Army car parks and was merely to keep sneak thieves from vehicles. The sentries were partly for form and partly for guard duty, but they were no more frequent than at any important city far behind the lines.

Tight Sealed

What a change I saw when I revisited Jerusalem this summer! Most of the things which were true four years before were no longer so. Instead of being able to walk where and when you wished, there were areas which were sealed as tight as Tibet, and what with periodic curfews and alarms much of the time it was like trying to stroll through "no man's land." Now there was barbed wire—everywhere. It stretched across streets, in front of buildings, across lawns, ran along roofs, enclosed whole areas of the city and was a constant threat to the clothes of unwary strollers.

Actually, there are two main "forbidden" zones in the Holy City today—zones into which you cannot go unless you have a special pass which is continually being checked, revised, and re-issued. The most important of these zones lies along and beside Julian's Way and centres around the famous King David Hotel. Incidentally, the "K.D." as it is generally called, is really a zone within a zone, since you need a special pass to get within a hand-grenade-throw of it ever since one wing was blown up in June, 1946, by the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Long Detours

This zone is the heart of the British military and civil organization for the whole of Palestine. It is guarded by barbed wire, numerous roadbeds, machine-gun nests, tank depots, armoured cars, Bren-carriers, and enough troops to halt a small invasion.

All this means that buses and private cars must make long detours to avoid this zone, as well as the other which lies a short way to the south near the famous Mount of Evil Counsel, and it is particularly hard on pedestrians, who sometimes must go half a mile to cover 200 feet.

I lived in a pension hotel near the heart of this main forbidden zone and I would frequently climb to the roof for the view. Near at hand I could see the old walled city and rising above it

Historic Walled City Resounds With Sirens and Explosions By Joseph G. Harrison



Armed guards patrol King George Square in the Holy City as civilians jam sidewalk.

the magnificent Moslem Dome of the Rock standing on the site of the Temple of Solomon. Off in the distance were the stark, purple-hued mountains of Moab above the Dead Sea. These are the scenes which burn so deeply into the heart of every visitor familiar with the Old and New Testaments.

But when I let my eyes drop it was a different sight altogether. At the back of the hotel, not 40 yards away, and shaded by a gnarled old olive tree, was a sand-bagged machine-gun nest in which two British tommies kept constant watch. Near the front was a roadblock with cleverly placed obstructions to stop any speeding automobile which might try to crash through with a load of Stern Gangers or Irgun Zvai Leumi boys. Still farther up the street was a tank park which was in constant touch with headquarters through walkie-talkie radio.

Constant Danger

In Jerusalem there are two areas which seem to bear the brunt of Underground activity, one in the Jewish and one in the Arab sections. The first is in the Mea Shearim (Hebrew for Hundred Gates) section, which has a heavy population of Arabic-speaking Jews from Yemen and is a fertile recruiting ground for both the Stern and the Irgun.

British trucks which speed down Mea Shearim Street are in almost constant danger from machine-gun or hand-grenade attack or from electrically detonated road mines. It is the first section into which British searching squads rush when there has been an Underground attack and its inhabitants are continually being routed out of bed in the early morning hours for this reason or that. It is a quarter through which it is not always wise for a non-Jew to walk, especially after dark and above all if he is speaking English.

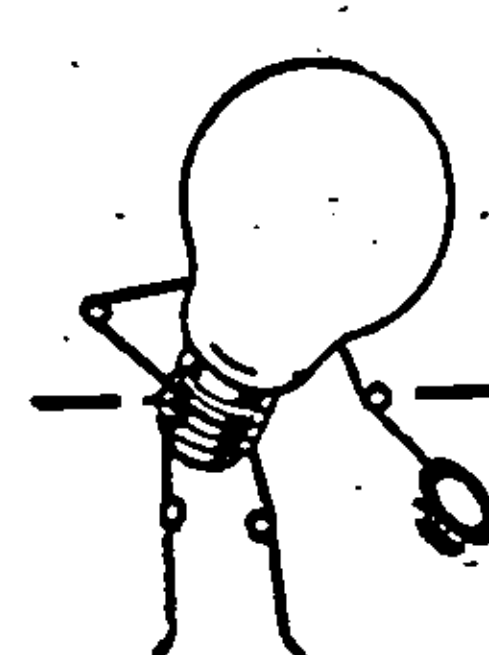
wars with the Crusade leader, Richard the Lion-Hearted. It is surrounded by Arab cafes pouring forth a never-ending stream of their high-pitched, minor-key melodies. Beside it lounge dark-faced Bedouins, their veiled wives wearing many pounds of strung-coin necklaces across their forehead and face. Every object under the sun is sold by the street vendors, while above all rises the clang of the cymbals of the itinerant soft-drink peddler.

False Alarms

But while the Jaffa Gate is almost as famous as the Hundred Gates in the matter of untoward explosions, there is a very great difference. For some reason which was never adequately explained to me, most of the explosions near the Jaffa Gate are false alarms. One hears a frightening detonation, then the alarm sirens wail and the army and police rush into action. They look everywhere, they question passers-by, they do their best. But they never seem to find anything and no damage seems to be done. They go away and with a shrug the Arab returns to his never-ending discussion of money matters.

That is the Holy City at the end of 1947. It is an unpleasant life for the British occupation force and it is a grim life for the local inhabitant. Instead of improving, it has been growing steadily worse, until now only the finest of statesmanship can hope to bring peace and order. This last has been a bad year, indeed, in the long history of Jerusalem. Perhaps 1948 will be more in keeping with what should be the true spirit of the Holy City.

The Arab section which attracts so much attention is that of the Jaffa Gate, certainly one of the most picturesque spots in the world. It is the main entrance into and out of the Old City and is part of the fortifications built by the great Moslem warrior Saladin in his



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NEWS QUIZ

1. Some time in January a ship will leave a port in Britain carrying the first large shipment of coal abroad since bulk export was stopped in February of last year. What country is this coal going to?
2. Losses of the three British Government-owned airlines for this year amounted to well over £10,000,000. What are the three airlines?
3. Six hostages were taken by the pirates who raided the "Van Heutz" and this week came news of the ransom money asked by the bandits. How much are they demanding from the relatives?
4. Negotiations opened between Indonesian Republicans and Netherlands delegates aboard the U.S. Army Transport "Renville" on December 8 are still not successful. Who is the president of the Republic of Indonesia?
5. The Chinese General who has been on a lecturing tour of the United States, and been reprimanded by General Chiang Kai-shek for disloyalty, has now been expelled from the Kuomintang. Who is the general?
6. A new service has been inaugurated this week by the newly-formed Hong Kong Airways. Where does this new service reach?
7. Do you remember how many days the bus strike lasted? It was settled this week.

(Answers in Page 9)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The old, old question re Ceylon and Cingalese is beginning to lose its quiz-time appeal. But another similar question steps up here to take its place. What are the natives of Latvia called?
2. The United States of America are 48 in all, plus one Federal District. The original number of states, however, was thirteen (no, it doesn't seem to have been unlucky in this case). What were the original thirteen states of America?
3. And while we're on the subject of the States, here's one for Americans—how many U.S. Presidents have been assassinated while holding office? If you know the number, we'll give you their names.
4. Can you name the six largest cities of the world (in a pre-war calculation)?
5. How many symphonies are known as the "Pastoral" symphony, and who are their authors?
6. There are four different kinds of "weight"—for chemicals, for "weight", for gold and silver and for precious stones and pearls. Can you name them?
7. Do you know the world's longest non-stop train run? It's a familiar name in the world of railways.

(Answers in Page 4)

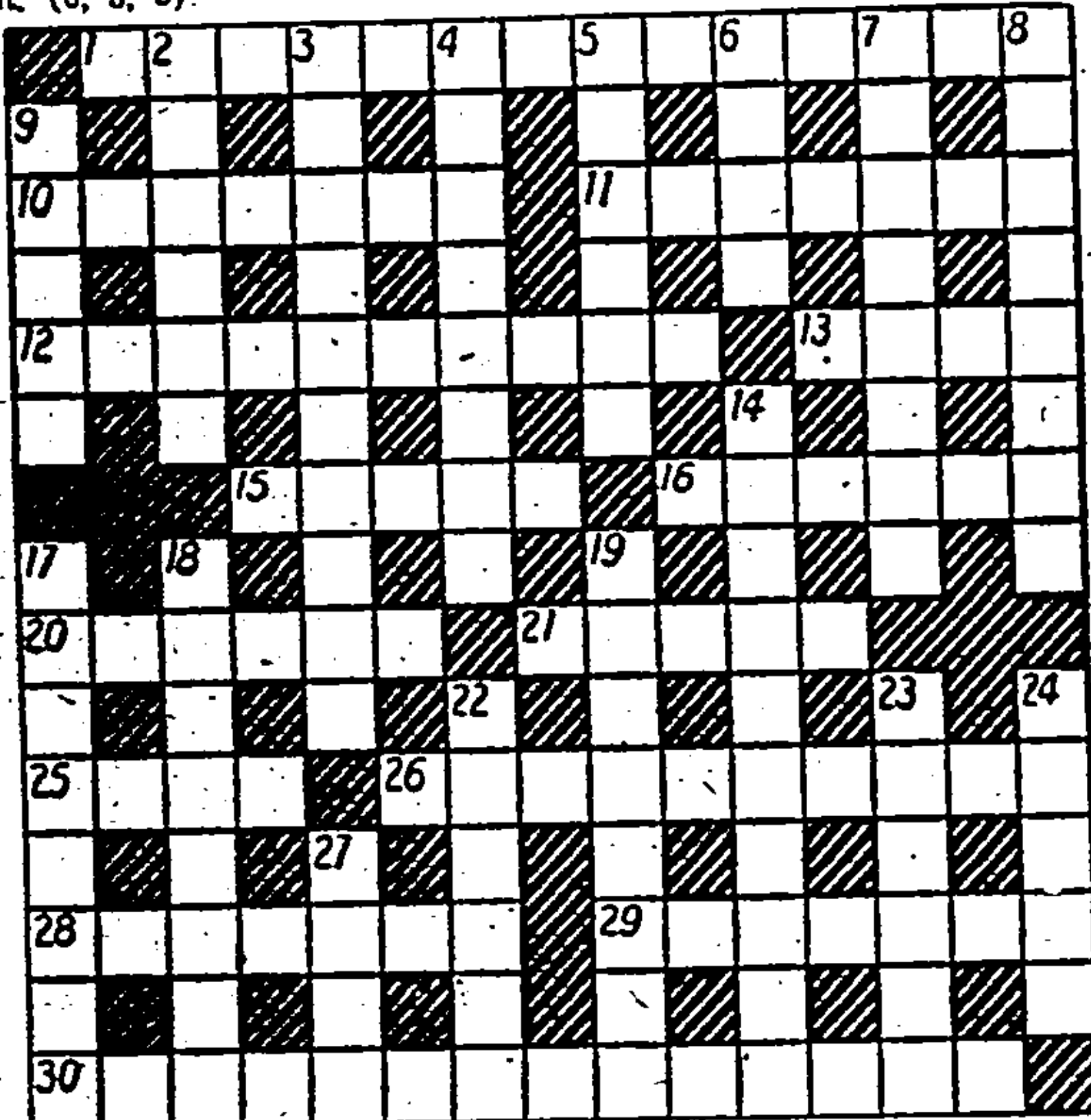
CROSSWORD No. 38

ACROSS

1. His jobbing is not entirely occupational. (4, 4, 6)
10. One is surely never so. (2, 5)
11. They suggest rapid professional progress. (7)
12. Certainly not a gentleman's residence. (5, 5)
13. Its anagram goes in it. (4)
15. Tell the nation! (5)
16. Figuratively circular. (6)
20. At the end of the innings no doubt. (6)
21. Minister in charge of house-work. (5)
25. Good bird for a live Aunt Sally. (4)
26. "Make each—hair to stand on end" (Hamlet). (10)
28. The mark of the Stamp Act. (7)
29. He might smear it. (7)
30. The Mormon suggests ungrammatically that the recent times are not. (6, 3, 5)

DOWN

2. The returned artist is grim. (6)
3. Suitable standard sense for a gem cutter. (10)
4. Church "incomes." (8)
5. Cut out, with the customary association. (6)
6. Involved in many a row. (4)
7. Not the new dress length. (4, 4)
8. Even when one is broke one can pay these. (8)
9. Gets on top of the bishop. (5)
14. New Scotland, but not the Yard. (4, 6)
17. No doubt the chief beneficiary's opinion of the testament. (8)
18. Piece of crockery that's constantly on sale, presumably. (5, 3)
19. Is the "Bad Child's Book of Beasts" a modern example of this old morality? (8)
22. Stated, may be, because of its permanence. (6)
23. Surely a more suitable name for the pilot of an air-taxi. (6)
24. Fleet Street crush? (5)
27. The boastful man shoots it. (4)



SOLUTION TO NO. 37—Across: 1 Wizard of the, 8 North, 10 Variety Bill, 11 Ichor, 12 Rehear, 13 Less, 15 Tyrol, 16 Enumerators, 19 Scotch Broth, 21 Orlop, 23 Army, 25 Pumped, 26 Elgar, 28 Roderick Dhu, 29 Sutor, 30 Walter Scott.
DOWN:—1 Waverley Novels, 2 Zero Hour, 3 Bye Lane, 4 Onyx, 5 Twine, 6 Enlists, 7 Arthur, 9 Harold the Daunt, 14 Faro, 17 Once, 18 Don Pedro, 19 Sparrow, 20 Bounces, 22 Legate, 24 Model, 27 Erse.

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One certain cure for insomnia, although it is not a very safe one and must inevitably lead to softening of the brain, is to pull the bed-clothes over the head and try to solve the following modern problem:

Two friendly human beings live on opposite sides of the English Channel. Why cannot these two human beings get on the boats that have been built for this very purpose and visit each other's country thus broadening their minds in a narrow-minded world?

"Ah, but these two friendly human beings don't use the same kind of money," the sufferer from insomnia may say, vaguely remembering something that he had heard on the radio, but never quite understood.

However, if he really desires to sink into a deep coma—and who doesn't nowadays?—he will pursue the matter farther, even if it keep him awake while he does it—and this is by no means certain.

"But any kind of money, even sea shells, is only a convenient national token representing work done and still owed for in goods," he may well retort, smothering a great yawn. "Therefore as both these human beings possess tokens which entitle them to buy goods in their own countries, why can't they simply change places for a bit, each consuming the goods that the other one would have consumed anyway if he had stayed at home?"

The sufferer from insomnia will by now be on the verge of a nervous collapse, and nothing will remain for him to do except to draw his knees under his chin and repeat drowsily: "What seem to us but dim funeral tapers may be heaven's distant lamps"

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S x
H K J 8 6
C A 10 9 x
C A Q x x
S J x x x x
H Q 5
D J x x
C K 10 x
S K Q 10 x
H 10 x
D Q 8 6 x
C J 9 x
N
W
E
S
S A 9 8
H A 9 7 4 3
D K x
C x x x

The bidding in Room I was: North (England), One Heart; South, Two Clubs; North, Four Clubs; South, Six Hearts. In Room II, North (N.I.) bid One Diamond; East, One Heart; South, Double; West, Pass; North, Two Hearts East, Pass; South, Three Spades; West, Pass; North, Three N-trumps; East, Pass; South, Four Hearts. In both rooms 12 tricks were made, England scoring 500 points for a Slam bonus, which N. Ireland missed. The more conventional bidding is: North, One Heart (the suit under the single-ton); South, Three Hearts, North, Four No-trumps (Blackwood); South, Five Hearts (two Aces); North, Six Hearts.

The score was 1-ve all, but even then East was hardly strong enough to risk making an interference bid.

In Room I the bid of Two Clubs, a low-ranking suit than the partner's, was a useful sort of asking bid. If the partner has support for Clubs then there is probably a Slam on the two hands. In any case, the contract is going to be in Hearts, and a bid in Clubs is a good slow-approach way of ensuring the maximum interchange of information.

What the bids of Four Clubs in one room and of Three Spades in the other room were meant to convey was that there were game going values in the two hands. The jump of Three Spades in particular disclosed great (supporting) strength because it was in a higher ranking suit.



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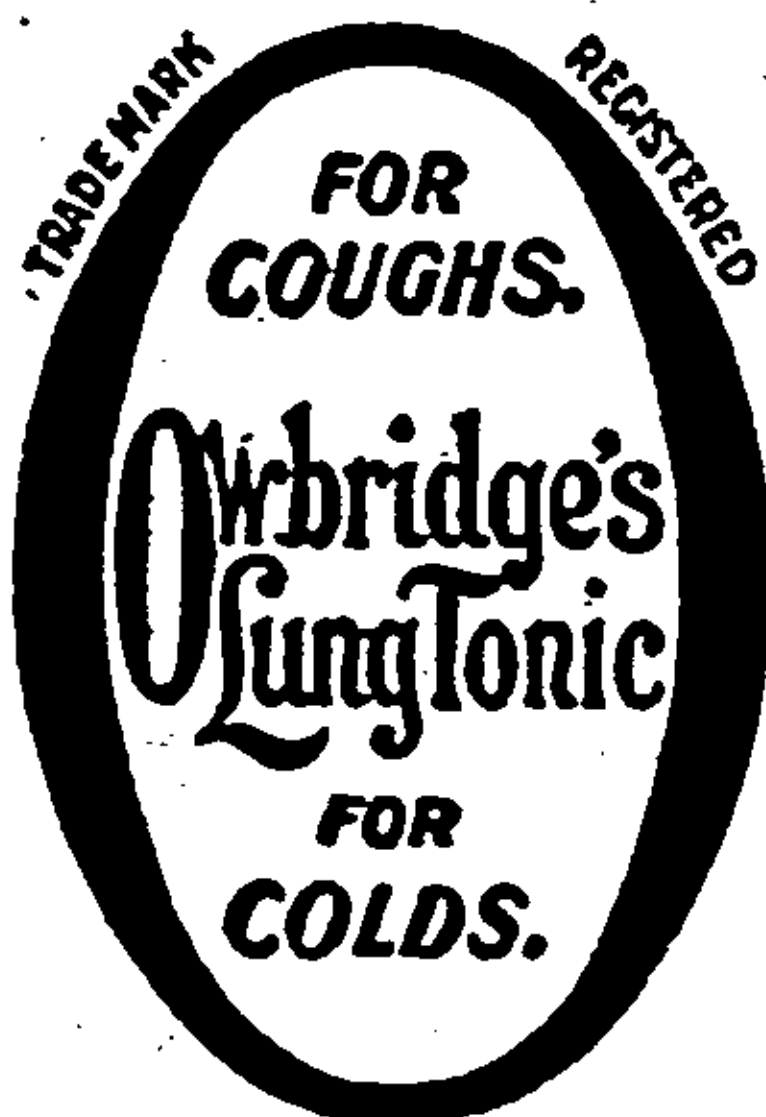


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New Books

THOMAS WISE IN THE ORIGINAL CLOTH

(By Wilfred Partington; Hall 21s.)

In the hushed recesses of the British Museum—where even officialdom walks with a velvet tread, and students, white and brown and black and parti-coloured, sit in attitudes of reverent dejection among precious books and manuscripts—an assistant will on request bring you a pile of imposing morocco-covered cases which enclose the private letters of one great 19th-century poet, the rough drafts, diaries, first editions of another.

They are a small fraction of the "Ashley Library," purchased by the British Museum two years before the last War. That library was gathered together by the greatest book-collector of his day, Thomas James Wise (Hon. M.A. Oxon. and Honorary Fellow of Worcester College), who before his death also achieved prominence as the boldest, subtlest, and most persistent of modern literary forgers.

In fact, although the vast majority of the items in his library are absolutely genuine and, from the student's and collector's stand-point, of inestimable value it has now been demonstrated, beyond the hope of a doubt, that a certain proportion are clever and unscrupulous fakes; and that the culprit was T. J. Wise who, in the capacity of enthusiastic amateur and surreptitious private bookseller, handled this lucrative merchandise for nearly half a century.

Why did he embark on such a perilous course? Wise began life humbly, but ended his existence a rich, respected businessman. Sheer greed was perhaps a primary motive. Yet it is strange that Wise, who loved books and who professed to defend the purity of the rare-book trade as jealously as a mother abbess might protect the morals of her convent, continued secretly to foul his own nest long after he was earning a substantial income in the City.

Thomas J. Wise in the Original Cloth, though somewhat chattering than one could desire and, at least as regards the central problem of the forger's character, not as penetrating as it might be, is the work of a booklover. Wilfred Partington, who corresponded with Wise frequently and had examined him at close range.

It does not explain why he became a faker, but it illustrates his fraudulent career in fascinating detail.

The result is a tragic-comedy of crime and punishment—the account of an elaborate deception and of the methods of detection, no less elaborate, by which two young Englishmen, John Carter and Graham Pollard, finally smelt out the rat and drove it to its last stand.

Wise retired into obstinate silence, his academic mortar-board badly dented, his bookish laurels blasted. There was nothing he could say. There was, at all events, nothing that he did say.

How tremendous a subject for any novelist! What did he think about during those latter years while the controversy raged over his head and accusatory broadside followed accusatory broadside as he pattered to and fro among the blue-and-gold bindings of the majestic Ashley Library?

POLLY FULTON

(By John P. Marquand; Hale, 12s. 6d.)

As a sound and solid, though unambitious, novel, I recommend Polly Fulton.

This is the portrait of a dominant American woman—she had inherited her knack of domination from an ambitious self-made father—who smashed the marriage she had wilfully arranged for herself into a heap of tinkling sharpened fragments, then set down in a beautifully cut suit to wait among the debris.

Yet, although the type is unlikeable, Polly remains throughout the narrative a sympathetic personage—far more sympathetic, indeed, than her noisy New Deal husband, whose opin-

ions were always cocksure, whose he was always crooked, and who persisted in reminding his relatively frivolous wife that, after all, there was a war on.....

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THE GERMAN QUESTION BY WILHELM ROPKE

(Allen and Unwin: 214pp; 10/6)

"Let the leading Nazis be treated with all the harshness they have so richly earned. Let them be expropriated and put into labour battalions for the rebuilding of Europe so far as they are not to be condemned as criminals. But let the other Germans be given hope, and do not let the precious but fugitive moment pass in which the Germans will decide, according to the treatment they receive from the victors, whether to pursue the path of 'repentance and rebirth,' or to turn away embittered and disappointed."

This plea for distinction between Nazis and the rest of the Germans is made by Professor Ropke, who was an active opponent of Hitler up to 1933 when he was forced to seek refuge in Switzerland.

The author, a German-born professor now at a Geneva university, prepared the English edition of his book a year after overthrow and complete occupation of Germany. In the early chapters he shows the continuity of German development from Bismarck to Hitler and the growth of Prussian influence.

But to English readers, and especially those who have seen service in Central Europe, the most interesting feature of his treatment of this "sombre and complicated German question" will be his advocacy of a three fold revolution in the moral, political and economic spheres. This revolution, he feels, could be brought about by a "just and reasonable peace."

In support of this contention, Professor Ropke writes: "Everything conceivable must be done to arouse the conscience of Germans who have been hopelessly corrupted by the diabolical system of National Socialism..... It is a further essential element that the dominant influence of Prussia should be broken and the buried tradition of the old German States resuscitated. That means the Rhineland, Westphalia, Hanover, Hesse, Schleswig-Holstein, and the rest, must acquire the rank of independent German States....."

He agrees that the almost complete destruction of the German cities, which condemned hundreds of thousands to a terrible death and made just as many beggars overnight, represents a "very heavy mortgage" on the future, but it should be possible, he says, to convince the Germans that the bombing was part of the general conduct of the war into which the Germans had forced the Allies to enter. Should the Germans have forgotten it, they will have to be reminded that they were the first to adopt this barbaric method and through their Press had given their enemies the impression that they felt nothing but satisfaction at the bombing of Warsaw, Rotterdam, London or Coventry.

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such a calamity might at some time in the future possibly befall him—should neglect John Hayward's admirable anthology, which reveals what Englishmen have felt, thought, and written about the disturbing passion from the 16th century onwards.

LAST CHANCE IN CHINA

by Freda Utley. (New York: Bobbs-Merrill, \$3.50.)

Miss Utley is no lightweight. She positively assaults the reader with a torrent of eloquence mixed with analysis, polemic mixed with personal history, heated dogma mixed with cold fact. She is an arsenal of arguments for all who believe the United States should give Chiang Kai-shek the unlimited wherewithal to fight his civil war.

The first time Miss Utley travelled to China she went there from Moscow as a Communist agent. That was in 1928. Since then she has seen the light—almost blindingly, one is tempted to say. Through slow disillusionment and sudden tragedy, she has learned the immeasurable evil of the Communist police state, until now she can see almost no other evil.

Like many a convert from Communism, she still bears its marks in her thinking, despite her consuming hatred for it. It is still the one absolute in her world—albeit, an evil absolute. The world is divided simply into Communists and anti-Communists for her. If you are not for the Left, then you are for the Right. She does not grasp that deeper human struggle between democracy in all its forms and totalitarianism both of the Left and Right.

Miss Utley's brand of *Realpolitik* becomes clear in her first chapter when she declares that "America is the only country strong enough with her allies to impose peace," without thereby enslaving the world. This assumption that peace is something to be "imposed" rather than to grow out of a common humanity deeper than all power systems underlies her passionate support of the Chiang regime. It is a basically cynical assumption, though accompanied by transparent sincerity of feeling, and may explain her sympathy with the cynical Kuomintang extremists.

Allowing for this bias, her book has much of value of it. Her own "inside" experience gives a third dimension to her unflattering picture of the Chinese Reds. It furnishes a healthy corrective to the rosy but superficial views of a good many leftist journalists who have interpreted the Reds as simple "agrarian reformers." She makes clear the enormous practical difficulties of the Nanking regime. She turns up a good many facts (as well as dubious hearsay) which challenge the fashionable oversimplification of China's problems in terms of Western ideologies.

Yet she herself falls into the same error on the other side. She can be endlessly charitable to Kuomintang errors because they are anti-Communist. The hated word is still her sole measuring stick. General Marshall is held up to scorn as a political babe in the woods because he believed that the Communists within the political framework of a united China would be less dangerous than as an armed enemy without. She quotes with evident approval a Frenchman who thought China's civil war preferable to France's political turmoil.

It is possible to be deeply respectful of Chinese culture and character, deeply hostile to Communist purpose and method, yet reject Miss Utley's thesis that the United States must underwrite military victory for Chiang before political and social reform in China can be expected. For reform is the only sure weapon in this war. Without it further aid would be useless.

It is this fact which General Marshall, with his superbly balanced judgment of the issues, saw so clearly during his Chinese peace mission. Miss Utley can see only the failure of that mission and reports with satisfaction the part she played in helping to thwart it.

Our Serial Story THREE FOR LUCK

"Diamond" Hotchkiss, ex-policeman, who became a paratroop hero, meets.

Arthur Mayo, millionaire racehorse owner, on the boat from Dublin to Liverpool. An attempt is made to kill

Happy Munsterman. Arthur Mayo's hot favourite for the Guineas and Derby. The bid fails, but a dock is murdered as the horse is being unloaded from the ship. An attempt was also made to kill Mike because he found evidence of the attempt to kill the horse. Mike warns Mayo against

Major Mike Sullivan, race gang leader. Mayo phones for Mike to come to his hotel

"Turkey Red"

As he came out of the phone box he nearly fell over the bull-necked man's friend. He was so close to the door that it brushed against him as it opened.

"I am very sorry," said Mike, suavely. "I trust I have not hurt you, my friend. Nothing could be further from my thoughts—as I am sure you will have guessed."

The other muttered that it was "all right."

"I hope it is all right," said Mike. "All right for all of us."

He went into the dining room and ordered his dinner. The three came in soon afterwards and sat down at the far end of the room.

"Who is that peculiarly tough looking gentleman over there," Mike asked the waiter. "Does he come here often? I seem to know his face."

"Name of Reddin, sir," he was told. "Used to come here at one time, when he was an all-in wrestler. Fought under the name of Turkey Red. Very fierce, he was."

"He looks it. Very fierce indeed."

After his meal he retired to his room until it was time for him to go to see Mayo. When he came down, the streets were dark. He strode off briskly, taking one or two short cuts on his route.

Attacked

It was when he was in a dark, evil-smelling street near the fruit and fish markets that he realised that he was being followed. He halted. Behind him in the gloom he could make out the figures of two men. They also had stopped in their tracks.

He wondered whether to go on down the dark street. There were no lights in it. He decided to risk it.

He had only advanced a few yards when, from a side alley, a dark figure swept out on him. He ducked just in time, as a club whistled past his ear. He grappled with his assailant and wrenched the club from his grasp. He broke away, and as he did so drove a vicious blow at the other's jaw. It landed and the man staggered back.

The other two were on him now. But they were smaller fry. One of them, he could just see in the darkness, had his arm raised. Mike saw a faint gleam of light on something in his hand. He lashed out with the club at the man's wrist. There was a crunching of broken bone and a scream of pain. The tinkle of a knife falling to the pavement was the only other sound.

The third man held back from the fray, clearly not liking it. But now Mike's first assailant was coming up behind him. He whipped round just in time. The man was diving, head down, to butt him in the stomach.

Mike raised his knee. The other's head hit it with terrific force, and its owner slumped to the ground. But even now he was not out of the fight, for he staggered back to his feet. The third man was now beside him. Together they were dangerous. Mike thought, and turned and ran swiftly back to the main street, which was well lighted.

They ran after him for a short way.

By TRAVERS HUTCHIN

but then apparently decided to give up the chase. Probably they feared the lights more than anything else.

With Mayo

After that, Mike kept to the well-lighted streets. He was pretty certain that the men were the three he had seen in the hotel. The man who attacked him first was a large, heavy figure. That he could make out, even in the darkness. He thought it was Reddin.

Well, Mr. Turkey Reddin, thought Mike with satisfaction, you've got a very sore bullet-head tonight, and your pal has a broken wrist. I hope it will be a lesson to you.

He saw a policeman, but decided not to tell him of the occurrence. He could not really identify his attackers; anyway, he preferred for the moment to work on his own.

This time he was shown straight up to Arthur Mayo's suite. Moira Mayo and Beavers, the bodyguard, were with him. Beavers looked rather sheepish, Mike thought. But nothing in their



Mike Sullivan aims a vicious blow at one of his attackers.

faces gave Mike a clue to the unexpected way the conversation was quickly to turn.

Moira, Mayo's attractive daughter, and Beavers, his bodyguard, are with Mayo when Mike is shown into the millionaire's suite at the hotel.

"Let me get straight to the point, Major Sullivan," Mayo said after preliminary greetings had been exchanged. "I wondered whether you would care to help me. I know believe, as a result of what you told me this morning, that an attempt has been made to put Happy Munsterman out of action. I am determined that shall not happen. I have all along told the public what a good horse he is—I am not going to let his supporters down if I can help it. Anyway, I'm very fond of him—we all are. He's a lovely animal."

"What can I do to help you?" Mike asked.

An Offer

"Well, frankly, we—that is, Moira and I, for it is her idea—wondered whether you would join my racing staff as a kind of—shall we say—adviser on public security. Beavers here has been my personal guard against unwelcome intruders for some time. But I want somebody who will help me to look after my horse."

"I'll see that nothing happens to

dear old Munsterman," broke in Beavers.

"I'm sure you will," said Mayo, cutting him short. "But I should like Major Sullivan's help, too."

Beavers seemed about to speak again, but changed his mind. You don't like having your nose put out of joint, thought Mike.

"I shall be only too glad to do what I can," he told Mayo. "I don't think I need to come on your racing staff. I have a personal interest in this matter which will more than recompense me for any help I can give you."

"But, my dear Major," Arthur Mayo began. But his daughter broke in on his sentence.

"I think we should be very grateful to Major Sullivan for his offer," she said quietly. "And I think we should accept it. We can discuss business at a later date—if the necessity arises."

"Very well, my dear. It certainly is most generous of Major Sullivan to offer us his aid in such a way."

Night Trip

"Then that is that," said Mike. "Now, let's get down to business. What plans have you for Happy Munsterman? Where is he now?"

"He is in stables near Liverpool. Tomorrow he goes to my trainer at Newmarket; but we decided to let him rest today after the crossing."

"Is it generally known that he is travelling tomorrow?"

"It was in the evening papers," said Moira.

"Right. Now, Mr. Mayo, I suggest that you phone these stables and tell them to box him up now and take him by road to Newmarket tonight. I know it may upset him—but better do that than risk a further attempt. Tell the driver of the box that I will give him the route which is quickest. I want that horse away from this town at once—there are too many of the gang here, in my opinion."

"And he told them of the further at-

tack on him on his way to visit them.

"But Major Sullivan," said Moira when he had finished. "You are undergoing grave risks—as a result of us, I'm afraid. I'm not so sure now that we ought to drag you into this."

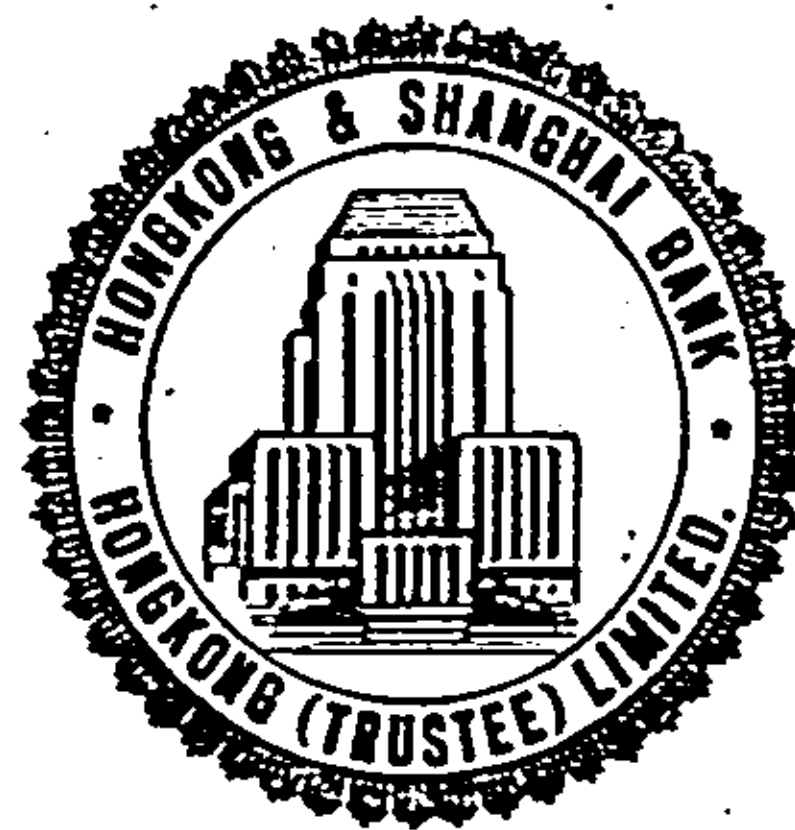
"You're not dragging me, my dear lady. I'm in—and I'm staying in. So now let's get down to business. Will you phone your stables now, Mr. Mayo?" When the driver of the box came to the phone, Mike gave him his route. "And don't waste any time or stop for any reason at all," he added. "If you think you can't do the journey in one go, take a mate with you. In fact, take a mate in any case."

A little later, Mayo and Beavers left the room. Mike was left alone with Moira. He realised again, what he had been too busy to think about while he was planning, how lovely she was. Stick to business, Mike, my boy, he told himself.

"Miss Mayo, I want you to help me if you can," he began. "And I don't want you to tell your father or Beavers about it. Do you know where I can get a car quickly?"

"We have two here—my father's big one, and a Bentley which he gave me as a birthday present. But what have you in mind?"

"I want to follow that horsebox to Newmarket. I don't want your father to know because he might want to tell



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Moira's eyes gleamed.

"I'll lend you my Bentley on one condition," she said.

"And that is?"

"That you'll let me drive it." "I can't do that. First, because your He paused.

"And second?"

"Because your face is far too lovely to be spoiled by a brawl."

"I'll risk that," she said with a smile. "Those are my terms. As for my father, I shall just tell him I am going to bed."

Mike looked at her for a moment. She did not lower her eyes at his frank admiration. He shrugged his shoulders comically.

They were driving along a starlit road in the Derbyshire hills beyond Buxton. Mike had discovered three things in the two hours they had been on the road—that she was a magnificent driver, that she had a sense of humour, and that she would be very easy to fall in love with.

The road wound upwards ahead of them like a white snake on the hillside.

"Look," he said suddenly. "I believe that's the box. It's a lorry of some kind and it's travelling too fast to be an ordinary one."

The other vehicle was about half a mile away, higher up the hillside, where the road curved sharply so that it was apparently doubling back on its tracks towards them.

There was another car in front of it—a big American one as far as Mike could make out in the starlight. Suddenly this car seemed to skid and swung sideways across the road. The horse-box came to a standstill.

"Drive like the hammers of Hell," Mike roared, forgetting that he was not talking to an Army driver.

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Health Page

Laboratory isolation and growth of a "common cold" germ—opening up the "possibility" of producing a vaccine against it—is reported to be two research workers of American National Institute of Health.

But Dr. Norman Topping, co-worker with Dr. Leon T. Atlas, emphasised to reporters that the work so far points only "to the possibility—not the probability—of producing a vaccine."

However, Topping also said: "We consider this (work) to be quite significant towards the hope of solving the riddle of the common cold."

The common cold—one of man's stubbornest and costliest foes causes more loss of occupational time than any other disease.

With the aid of prisoners at a District of Columbia reformatory who volunteered to contract colds from the nasal washings of a man stricken with a natural cold, Doctors Norman Topping and Leon T. Atlas have accomplished a long-sought objective of science

Grow Germ

They've isolated and actually grown in the laboratory a germ—presumably a virus—which can produce at least one main variety of common cold—a form which Topping describes as a "thick, severe form—something like what we know as sinusitis."

What's more, they say they've kept this germ alive for almost a year now, and that they have produced colds with it in prisoner volunteers. They don't know its exact nature, but at least they

have it controlled. They call it "V-1-A."

The scientists announced their findings in the technical journal "Science."

(Hitherto, one of the chief problems of common cold researchers throughout the world has been their inability to devise a laboratory procedure for isolating and growing the germ, or germs, responsible—so that they could study the material adequately, learn its nature, and build a defence against it.)

(Previously, there have been only two methods of propagating the agent, or agents, of the common cold:

1—Infecting a human volunteer with material from the nose of a person who already had a cold. But this method, in some tests, works in only 50 per cent of cases.

2—Infecting chimpanzees with material from a human subject. The chimp is the only animal known to be susceptible to infection by the human cold. But chimps have not been satisfactory test animals because they're difficult to procure, expensive to buy and care for.

(Neither of these methods had hitherto produced a method of isolating and growing the cold germ so that it could be studied adequately.)

(Scientists long have sought a method by which they could take nasal secretions from someone with a cold, inject this material into some "culture" medium in such a way that the cold germ, or germs, would multiply and therefore be handy for unlimited studies. With such a technique, material would be available for a wide-scale attack on the common cold throughout the world.)

Employing material taken from the nose of a scientist who was coming down with a cold, Topping and Atlas say they've been able to grow an "agent" of the common cold in fertile hens' eggs—that is, eggs in which a chick embryo is growing. They've kept the strain alive by passing it through eight different batches of eggs.

Symptoms

With egg fluid containing this agent, they've produced colds in fifty-seven of sixty volunteers inoculated with it during the past year. Symptoms in all cases have been generally the same: A "drip" from the sinuses into the throat, fatigue, nasal obstruction, a little fever, mild laryngitis and a non-productive "dry" cough.

"It's a real thick sort of cold," Topping said. "It's not the runny-nose, runny-eye sort of cold. Maybe there's another agent that produces that kind of cold."

Before even a trial vaccine is developed, he said, it will be necessary to separate the "cold" agent from other material in the egg fluid. It also will be necessary to determine how the germ can be toned down to the point where a vaccine containing it would produce protective "antibodies" against a cold, but would not cause a severe infection itself.

Most important of all, said both doctors, extensive studies must first be carried on to learn more about the "basic immunity" associated with the common cold.

They hope to learn more about "natural immunity"—that is, why some people are more "susceptible" to colds than others. They also want to know the duration of any immunity imparted by the contraction of an experimental cold.

They also will have to know the exact conditions under which the experimental material produces a cold. Otherwise, if the agent were used in a vaccine—and a person still got a cold—it would be impossible to tell whether he got it naturally, or from an overdose of the vaccine.

HOW MUCH FOOD DOES A CHILD NEED?

A thin man can eat like a horse without getting fat. A fat man can feed like a sparrow without reducing his girth.

This is a truth known to all our forefathers. It has remained for this generation to dole out 2,700 calories of the same kind of food to every man, woman, and child, and to say:

"This is the Average Diet. It will do you good."

Thus the human being is robbed of personality and made into a statistic for the Blue Books. But every now and then a still, small voice comes along and whispers the truth.

Such a one has appeared in the person of Dr. E.M. Widdowson, who conducted an inquiry into the diets of 1,000 children. She has recorded the results under the unpromising title of "A Study of individual Children's Requirements," which the Stationery Office has published.

This is a painstaking and highly technical monograph. The investigation was made before the war, and it took Dr. Widdowson three years to collect all the data. She reaches this conclusion:

"This one outstanding fact which has been brought out again and again by this investigation is that similar individuals may differ enormously and unpredictably in their food habits.

Needs Differ

"This applies with great force to the energy value of the diets, but it is equally true of the proximate principles, minerals and vitamins, and still more true of the foods themselves. These extraordinary departures from the average are compatible with normal physical development.

"These findings indicate that individual requirements must differ as much as individual intakes, and that an average intake, however valuable statistically, should never be used to assess an individual's requirement."

One after another the cherished illusions of a standardised era are knocked down, and the pontifications of the Equality of Misery Brigade are countered by Science.

Thus, Dr. Widdowson says there are enormous differences in the intake of calories. In all the age groups between one and 16 years, one child ate about twice as much as another, and one 16-year-old boy actually took less than one of the one-year-olds.

While it is true, she says, that, on an average, manual workers eat more than sedentary workers, studies of individual men and women have shown clearly that a sedentary worker may eat more than a manual worker.

The amount of milk drunk by children seems, in some cases, to have no bearing whatever on the health of the individual. Milk and cheese provide children with most of their calcium requirements but Dr. Widdowson, among other variations, found two sisters in Liverpool who had no cheese and only 18 ounces of milk in a week.

On of them was taller and heavier than the average for her age, and had fewer than the average number of bad teeth.

She also examined twin brothers of seven years, who both took exactly the same amount of calcium. One had 12 decayed teeth. The other had none at all.

"An attempt has been made," says the author, "to see whether the children who took the most milk were taller and heavier than those who took the least."

Against Expectation

"Rather against expectation, it was found that the child who took the most milk was often below the average weight and height for his age group."

"Similarly, the child who drank the least milk was just as likely to be about or below his group average."

Of protein: "One boy of one—actually ate more than a boy of 14; both were slightly overweight for their age."

The biggest butter-eaters were a boy of 15 and a girl of 14 who ate 28 and 31 ounces respectively in a week. The girl ate half as much butter as bread. The boy's diet gave him 5,305 calories a day.

It has been said that a bottle of gin a day would provide a person with all the calories needed—if calories were all that were needed. Dr. Widdowson records that the boys of Christ's Hospital in the 18th century drank three pints of beer a day, which provided them with half their calories.

Her study is neither a plea for more beer nor less milk for children. It merely sets down facts from which conclusions can be drawn. The chief one is that it is dangerous to legislate for human beings as though they were a herd of cattle.

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THE PROMS.

Tonight's Proms concert from ZBW will consist of four works—the "Carnival Romain" overture (Berlioz); Symphonic Variations for piano and orchestra (Cesar Franck); "Flos Campi" suite (Vaughan-Williams); and Symphony in F, Op. 90 (Brahms). On the whole, a somewhat more severe programme than last week's, and not one that can be half-listened to as an accompaniment to a game of rummy or idle, post-prandial chatter.

Berlioz was an example of a man who was better than his own ideas. Founder of the modern school of orchestration as it exists today, he had an ultimate conception of an orchestra on an even bigger scale than Wagner at his most colossal. He aimed theoretically at an orchestra of 242 strings (four of them tuned an octave below the double-basses), 30 grand pianos, 30 harps and an army of woodwinds and percussion to match! Nevertheless, he was one of the most original of composers, and all the modern program-mists have built on him—though not always with his vivacity of expression and truthfulness. His literary beginnings prevented his music from being abstract. Instead, he paints definite scenes, depicts definite emotions; he failed to make music self-articulate, but he still wrote music that is the music of a genius.

Most of Cesar Franck's works are insignificant, but a handful of them have lifted him to the ranks of the masters. Neglected by his contemporaries for most of his life—partly as a result of badly organised and technically inadequate performances of his works—he began to "arrive" in his late fifties (when he wrote these "Symphonic Variations"), only to die following a street accident. His greatest fault lay in his lack of self-criticism. At the first performance of his Symphony in D, Gounod called it "the affirmation of incompetence pushed to dogmatic lengths." Cesar Franck's comment, on the other hand, was: "Oh, it sounded well, just as I thought it would!" There has been an upswing in his favour in latter years, based almost entirely on seven of his works. Had he written none other, we might have had a much higher conception of his potentialities.

The Vaughan-Williams suite for viola, voices and orchestra was "Record of the Week" on this page in mid-December. This oddly attractive piece of music shows the mystical side of the leading composer in the English revival of music. You may find it a little difficult to appreciate properly on a first hearing.

Brahms's great intellectual grasp of music is perhaps never seen to better advantage than in his Third Symphony. He enlarged the scope of the symphony by adopting a wider choice of keys for the various movements than had hitherto been customary. Haydn's "Clock" symphony, for instance, has its four movements written in the keys of D, G, D, D; Mozart's "Jupiter" in the keys of C, F, C, C; Beethoven's Second in D, A, D, D; and so on.

Brahms, on the other hand, wrote his Second in D, B, G, D and his Third in F, C, C minor, and F Minor/F Major. The Third is, indeed, a very good example of Brahms at his best. The motto-phrase F, A Flat, F is stated in the opening bars and becomes the main basis of the movement, popping up in the most unexpected and ingenious places. The symphony as a whole opens in heroic vein, but becomes more and more gloomy. This stern mood is maintained almost to the end, when the motto-phrase returns in a major key and the symphony sinks to its spell-binding close. The tranquil coda has been compared to a calm sunset after a stormy day.

IN MINIATURE

"Music in Miniature," a BBC transcription, is now broadcast regularly by ZBW. This programme slid into BBC schedules a couple of years back without any fanfare and has now built up a steady and strongly appreciative

audience. Apart from the local recordings, it can also be heard direct from London and this week the Home programme will be presented by Gwen Catley (soprano) and the London Baroque Ensemble (Karl Haas cond.).

Prefaced always by its seductive little Haydn serenade, "Music in Miniature" is being broadcast in the General Overseas Service of the BBC on Monday at 2115 hours (Hongkong Time), on Tuesday at 1515 hours and on Thursday at 0715.

The programme was originally introduced as an experiment. First-class small orchestras and combinations of string and piano, playing choice selections of the best music, had not always been popular. "Music in Miniature," however, has proved that there is an ever-increasing number of listeners both at Home and here in Hong Kong for such a programme.

WARMING UP

The great pianists of the world all have their pet ways of preparing their hands for a concert, and some of them are as particular over this as a Walcott before a Joe Louis fight.

Paderewski, for instance, would play for seven or eight hours—solidly. Josef Hofmann soaks his mitts in hot water. Rachmaninoff thought there was nothing so effective as an electric pad.

One artist we won't name always used hot milk. This prompted Moritz Moszkowski, composer and wit, to approach him one day and ask:—

"Was the milk perhaps a little sour today?"

RECORDING

The major portion of Massenet's output was in music for the theatre, for which his lightness and fluency—and tendency to shallowness—made him an eminently suitable composer. As Haward points out in "Grove," Massenet's "undoubted gifts for melody of a suave, voluptuous character.... ingratiated (him) with that large section of the public which, whether in Paris or elsewhere, regards music as an agreeable after-dinner entertainment." At the same time, it is doubtful if everyone would agree with Haward when he goes on to remark that "to have heard Manon is to have heard the whole of him."

Among the works that made Massenet famous were the operas "Thais," "Manon," "Werther," "Herodiade" and "Le Jongleur de Notre-Dame." "Manon," based on material from Prevost's "Histoire de Manon Lescaut" (also drawn on by Puccini for his opera "Manon Lescaut," which had a successful debut in 1893) was first performed by the Opera Comique, Paris, in 1884 and became one of the greatest successes in its history; the opera is generally acknowledged to be his masterpiece.

At the same time, "Le Cid" is an attractive operatic ballet, based on a tragedy by Corneille, and a welcome recording of the ballet, suite by the Boston Promenade Orchestra (Arthur Fiedler cond.) was issued by HMV in August last. The catalogue references are B9571-3 (Auto couplings B7027-9).

The suite is in six parts—Castillane, Andalouse, Aragonaise, Aubade, Catalane, Madrilene and Navarraise. The Boston Prom are really at home with this sort of music, and turn in a first-class performance. The recording is good.

GRAM CONCERT

Friday night's gramophone concert at the "Y" will consist of the following works:—

"Overture, 'The Thievish Magpie' (Rossini); Arias from 'La Boheme'—'Thy Tiny Hand is Frozen' and 'Thy Call Me Mimi' (Puccini); Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker' Suite; Concerto Grosso in B Flat Major (Handel); and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

Soloists will include Gigli and Goossens.

HUMPERDINCK

American recordings tend to be deficient in the bass and to have a somewhat raucous and shallow tone. One is, therefore, somewhat chary of mentioning an issue without having heard it at least once. Nevertheless, attention should perhaps be drawn to the fact that the Metropolitan Opera House and (American) Columbia are planning to turn out ten complete opera recordings and that the first of these, Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," has now been issued. It is sung in English, by the by, with Rise Stevens as Hansel and Nadine Conner as Gretel. The twelve 12-inch records come boxed in two volumes, with libretto, and the opera is presented complete in its three acts and magnificent orchestral score.

Commenting on the issue, Delos Smith who covers new gramophone recordings for United Press, says:—"These records tempt superlatives. Artistically they present a flawless, even an inspired performance which Metropolitan doesn't always duplicate in its 'live' operas. Mechanically they set a standard. Hereafter record-buyers are likely to be unhappy with anything less."

Delos Smith seldom criticises or comments, apart from generalities. It is difficult, therefore, to assess the value which should be placed on that last sentence. Compare this with "Music Review's" comments on the Columbia recording of the Bruno Walter/Philadelphia Orchestra performance of Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony—"this issue is so shockingly recorded that one can scarcely discuss the performance." It is too noisy, the tone in all parts and stronger passages is strident to a degree which recalls the worst American recordings of the war years and there is excessive surface chatter. It is certainly not worth spending money on.

CHANGE

The gramophone recital to be given by the Sino-British Club Music Group will be given this Tuesday, having had to be postponed from last week. As noted on this page recently, one of the works to be heard will be Arshamov's "Shanghai Piano Concerto."

Incidentally, these concerts, which are being held in the Helena May Institute, Garden Road, at 9.15 p.m. are not merely for members of the Club. There is an open invitation to all music lovers.

SOUR NOTES

It is bad enough when jazz bands murder and maltreat the classics so as to get "something new" to augment their cacophony. It is worse when the gramophone record companies add and abet them in this nefarious practice. The latest in my Hall of Infamy are RCA and (American) Columbia.

RCA-Victor have come out with a modern arrangement of Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite as part of a "Suite in Swing" album of Henri Rene's band. Grieg's melodies have been transformed in modern types ranging from "boogie-woogie to the blues." If I were to pick "Solweig's Song" as the best it would not be because I like this version, but because it has been changed the least.

The Columbia album is labelled "Duchin Plays Tchaikovsky"—and, as Shaw once observed under similar circumstances, Tchaikovsky lost. The melodies and themes of the composer have been made into songs and dance numbers—"Moon Love," "Concerto," "Secrets" and "Our Love." A merry choir forms background to one Mr. Duchin at a piano.

THE MIRROR OF MUSIC

Music has also come into the latest book news with "The Mirror of Music," "1844 to 1944" by Percy Scholes, one of England's most erudite and encyclopaedic musical scholars whose "Oxford Companion to Music" has for some years been cherished as a shorter and more lively "Grove". In his new review Dr. Scholes deals with bad music as well as good setting the low standard of the mid-19th century (feeble imitations of Mendelssohnian oratorios, commonplace operas and "Shop Ballads") against the folk-song revival, the increased popularity of Bach and the tremendous renaissance of interest in Tudor music—now fully recognised as the product of England's golden age of song.

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Talking about Films

Can anybody explain why, as the world grows grimmer and needs laughter more, film comedians grow rarer, and, on the whole, less funny?

Twenty years ago three or four comedians dominated the screen. Chaplin was making classics like *The Gold Rush* and *City Lights*. Lubitsch was attempting with the camera some of the effects achieved by Wilde, the Lord of Language, in sparkling prose.

Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd, if not great comedians in themselves, had a universal appeal as the butts of fortune, the world's harassed little men, in situations so brilliantly contrived that their own want of comic genius didn't matter—was, in fact, a positive help.

For the true comedian, especially if he graduates through the rough-and-tumble of the stage, where every effect must be clearly visible to people a long way off in a bad light, is apt to rely on the broad technique of slapstick. He is a caricature, not a man; the very qualities that convulse people in the music-hall make him unfunny, because unreal, in the intimate atmosphere of the screen.

Admirers of this or that stage comedian often wonder why this should be so—why the man who rolls them in the aisles in his own medium should be a dismal flop in the other. Any psychologist could tell them. The secret of success is that onlooker should be able to identify himself with player. Most of us, I suppose, have felt now and then as hopeful and as deflated, as thwarted and as ridiculous, as Lloyd and Keaton were; they were not too grotesque to be identified with normal people (assuming there are normal people, which sometimes seems improbable); their ambitions, humiliations, rewards, were vicariously ours.

And of course the process is easier still in the case of two such nice-looking and amusing people as Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. We have only to see one of the "Road" series to find ourselves in the magic world where we fall only to bounce, where our voices are tuneful, our retorts witty, our very cowardice the prelude to triumph over the strong and aggressive.

1948 could be a most exciting, stimulating, even historic year in entertainment.

Competent observers expect that the British embargo on American films will last for several months. It is not likely that any British cinemas will have to close for want of films, but the men who run them will need to develop some enterprising ideas to sustain public interest in their programmes.

As for the making of films, Britain's producers now have a chance they've never had before and will never have again. If they can make good pictures to reasonable budgets, if they can get the public looking forward to their films, they need never again fear the trumpets of Hollywood.

There are some good pictures coming along too, and we are eagerly awaiting the preview's of "The Mark of Cain," "Brighton Rock," "Daughter of Darkness," "Vice-Versa," "Oliver Twist," and "Hamlet."

At the same time warning ought to be given that you may come across some stinkers. Currently, British pictures are like the little girl with the curl:

When they are good, they are very, very good.

And when they are bad, they are horrid.

Road to Rio, expected here soon, is the re-worst of the Bob Hope-Bing Crosby-Dorothy Lamour adventures in the "Road" series, and it is quite as crazy and as funny as its predecessors.

This time Crosby and Hope are two out-of-work lowbrow musicians known as Mr. Scat Sweeney and Mr. Hot Lips

Barton, who stow away aboard a liner bound for Rio de Janeiro and become entangled in the affairs of a South American heiress, Miss Lamour. The heiress has a wicked aunt, Gale Sondergaard, who uses hypnotism to help her steer her niece into a marriage that is distasteful to the lass.

Naturally Messrs. Hope and Crosby contrive a rescue, and all is saved long before a posse of romantic bandits—who are led by Jerry Colonna and have nothing whatever to do with the story—can arrive at the scene.

I hardly think that anything Bing sings will be remembered and whistled in the bath, but does that matter? The boys are in fine form, hurling nonsense about in their usual manner, and the entire plot is quite beautiful rubbish.

"MERTON OF THE MOVIES"

Quite a number of folk will doubtless recall this tale. It has been filmed twice before. Now comes Red Skelton as Merton Gill, the film-struck yokel who goes off to Hollywood to try his luck in the motion-picture business. These are silent motion-pictures, of course, for the year is 1915.

Merton succeeds where better actors fail. He does indeed get into films, even into a starring part, but only because he happens to be such an awful actor that when he plays a straight role everyone is convinced that it is excellent farce. It is Virginia O'Brien who tells Merton that his real forte is not dramatic acting but comedy. "You are a fah-soor," she exclaims. (Glossary: Fah-soor—farceur.)

In this Miss O'Brien does not sing even one of those "pokerface" songs for which she is known and liked. More is the pity. Mr. Skelton, as usual, relies on that extremely mobile face of his rather than his jokes, which are seldom funny.

The story, which is based on the novel by Harry Leon Wilson and the play which George Kaufman and Marc Connelly wrote, is a broad burlesque of the antics and workaday methods of Hollywood.

READER'S LETTER

I am a cinema-goer myself and cannot remember the last full-length film I saw, but I got involved in an argument about films last week. I maintain that the average patron of the cinema does not go to see any particular film, but just "goes to the pictures." In other words, whatever the film the majority of cinema-goers just go regularly on one particular night to their favourite cinema.

The theatre can claim a much more intelligent and discriminating audience, which probably explains why the standards of theatre acting are so high and why plays and musicals are quickly withdrawn if they flop.

J. W.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Latvians are called Letts (and that's Irish).
2. Delaware; Connecticut; Georgia; Maryland; Massachusetts; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New York; North Carolina; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; Virginia.
3. Three U.S. Presidents have been assassinated while in office—Abraham Lincoln in 1865, James Abram Garfield in 1881, and William McKinley in 1901.
4. London, New York, Tokyo, Berlin, Moscow, Shanghai.
5. Beethoven's Sixth Symphony; Bach's Pastoral Symphony from "The Christmas Oratorio"; Handel's, from "The Messiah"; Vaughan Williams' Third Symphony.
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Queen's.—"Three Little Girls in Blue."—A lively musical with a load of excellent performers.

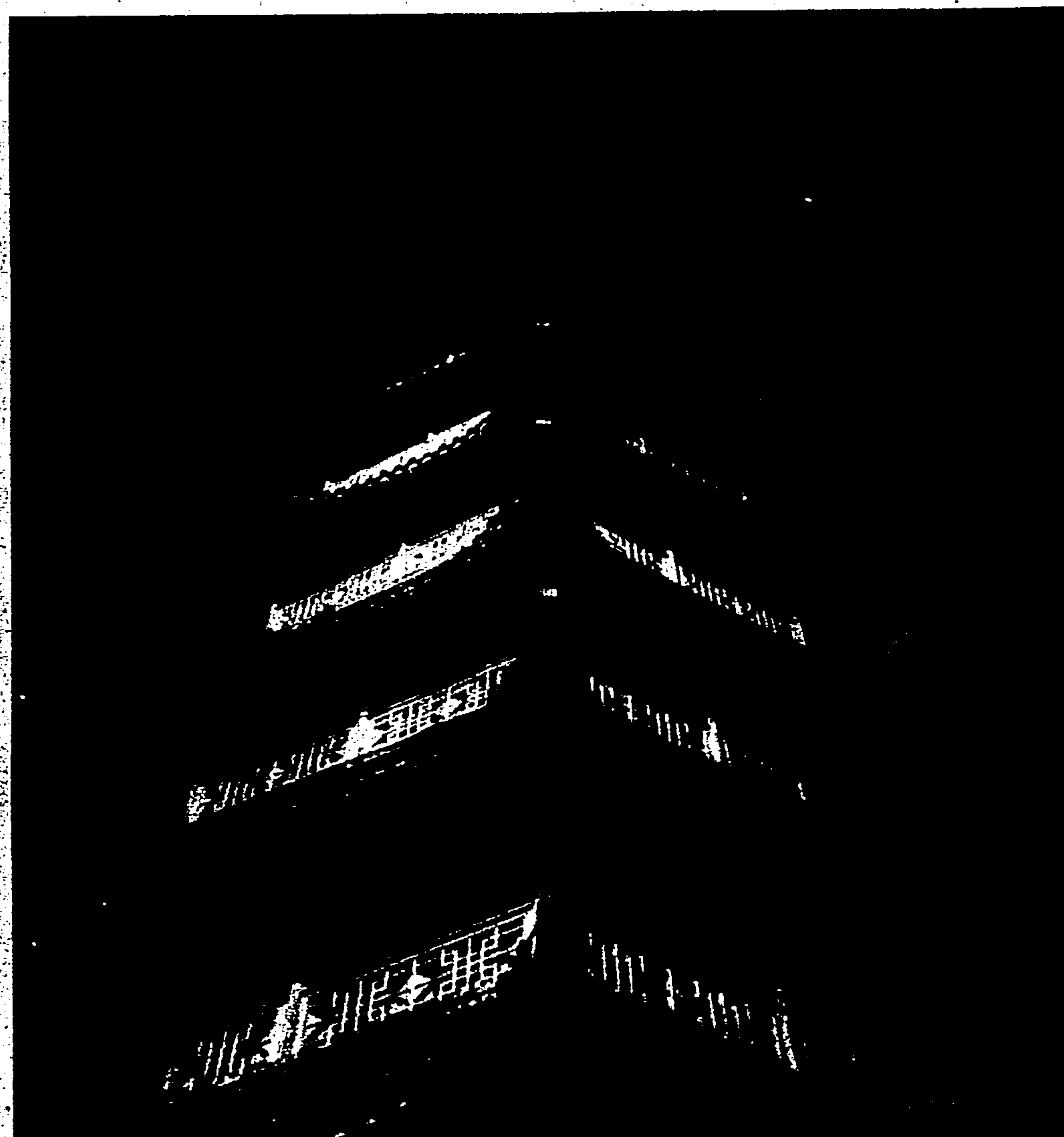
Lee Theatre.—"Angel on my Shoulder."—Paul Muni and Claude Rains plus Anne Baxter. A well-made film with some flashes of inspiration.

Alhambra.—"Last Of The Red Men."—Based on the book, "The Last of the Mohicans." But it won't be the last of the Red Indians in films, unfortunately. Considering all things, this is quite well done.

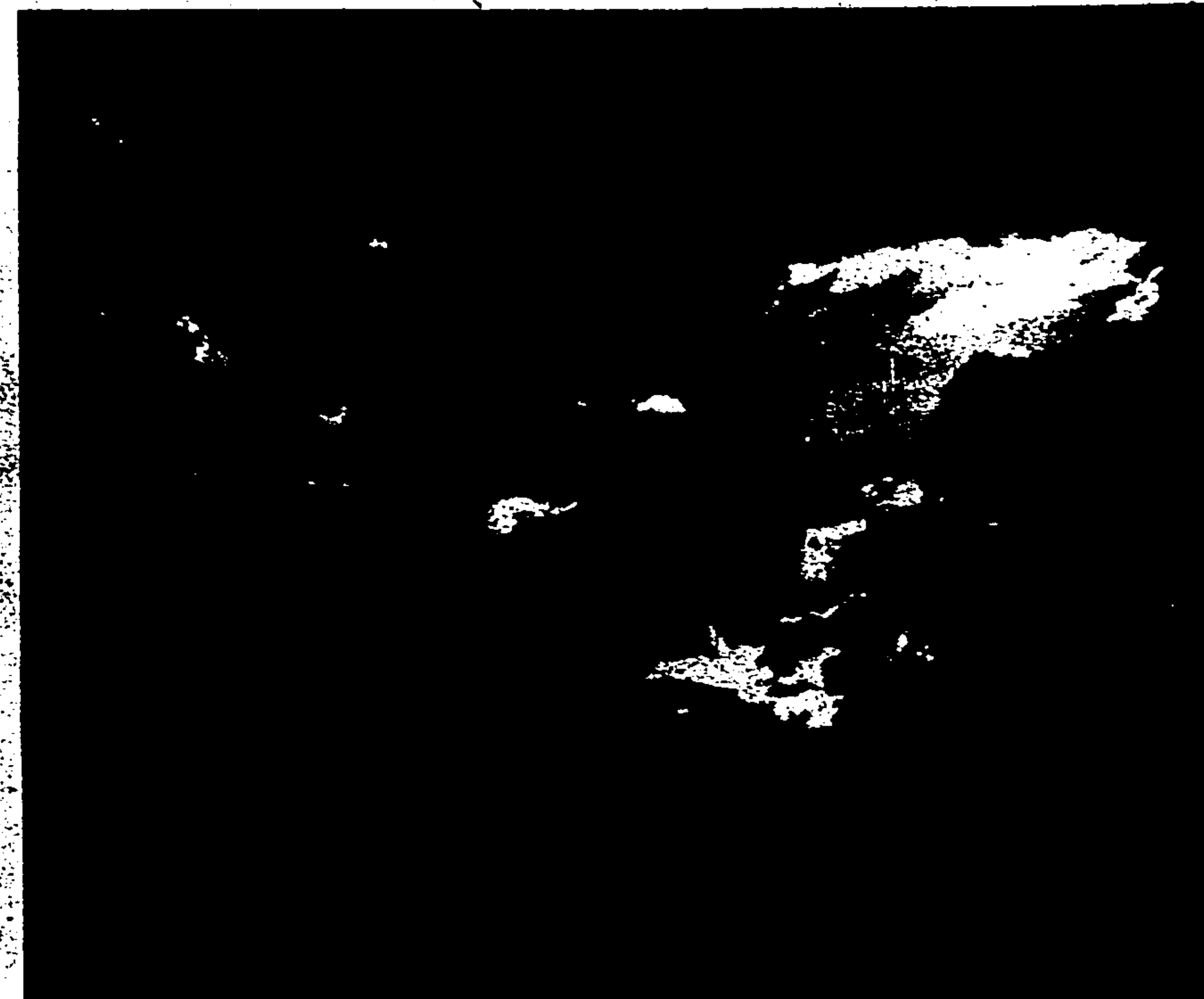
Cathay.—"Lady in The Dark" Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland. In an about average show.

Majestic.—"Black Narcissus"—A much discussed film, which is good enough without meriting all the excitement.

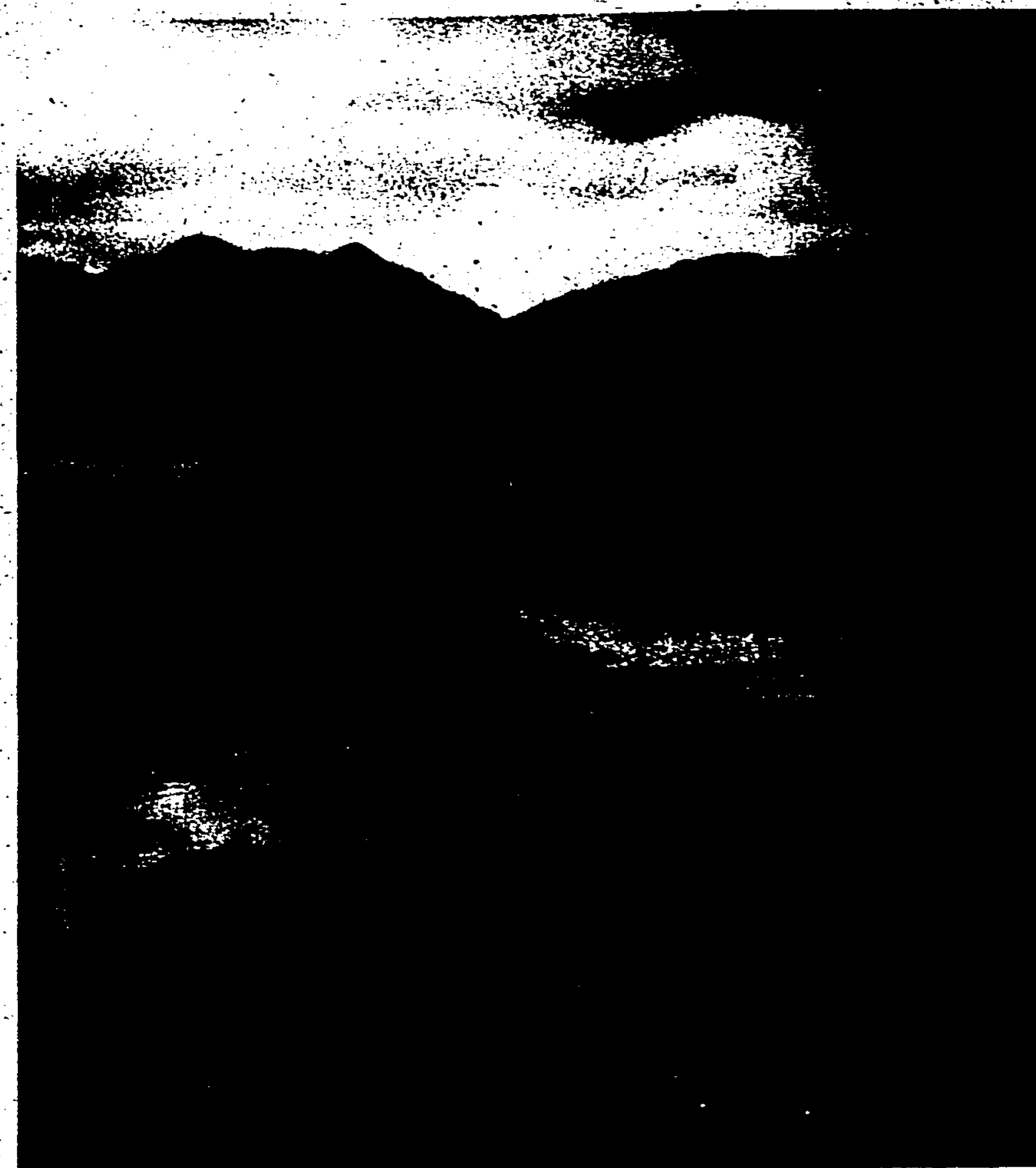
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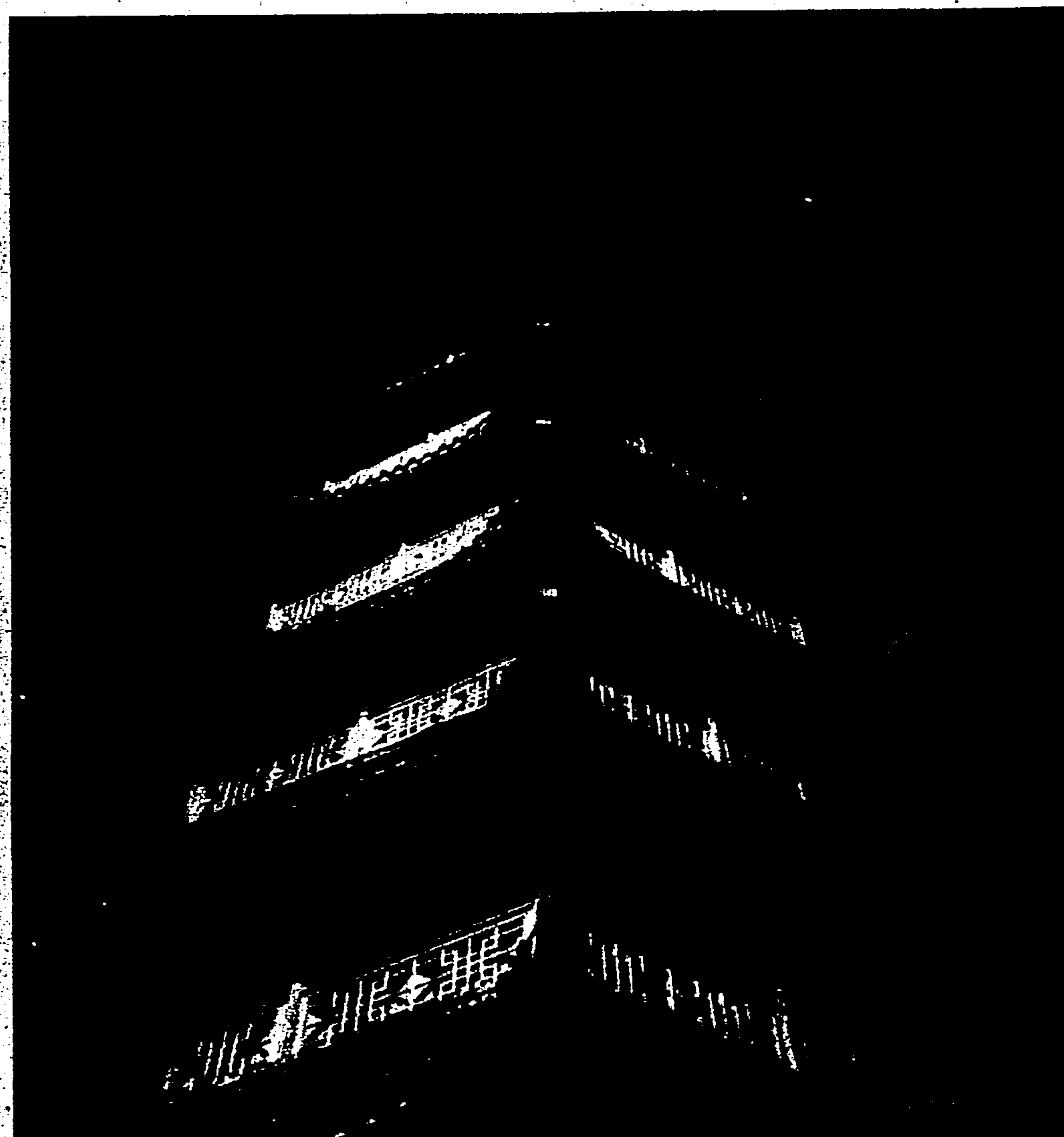
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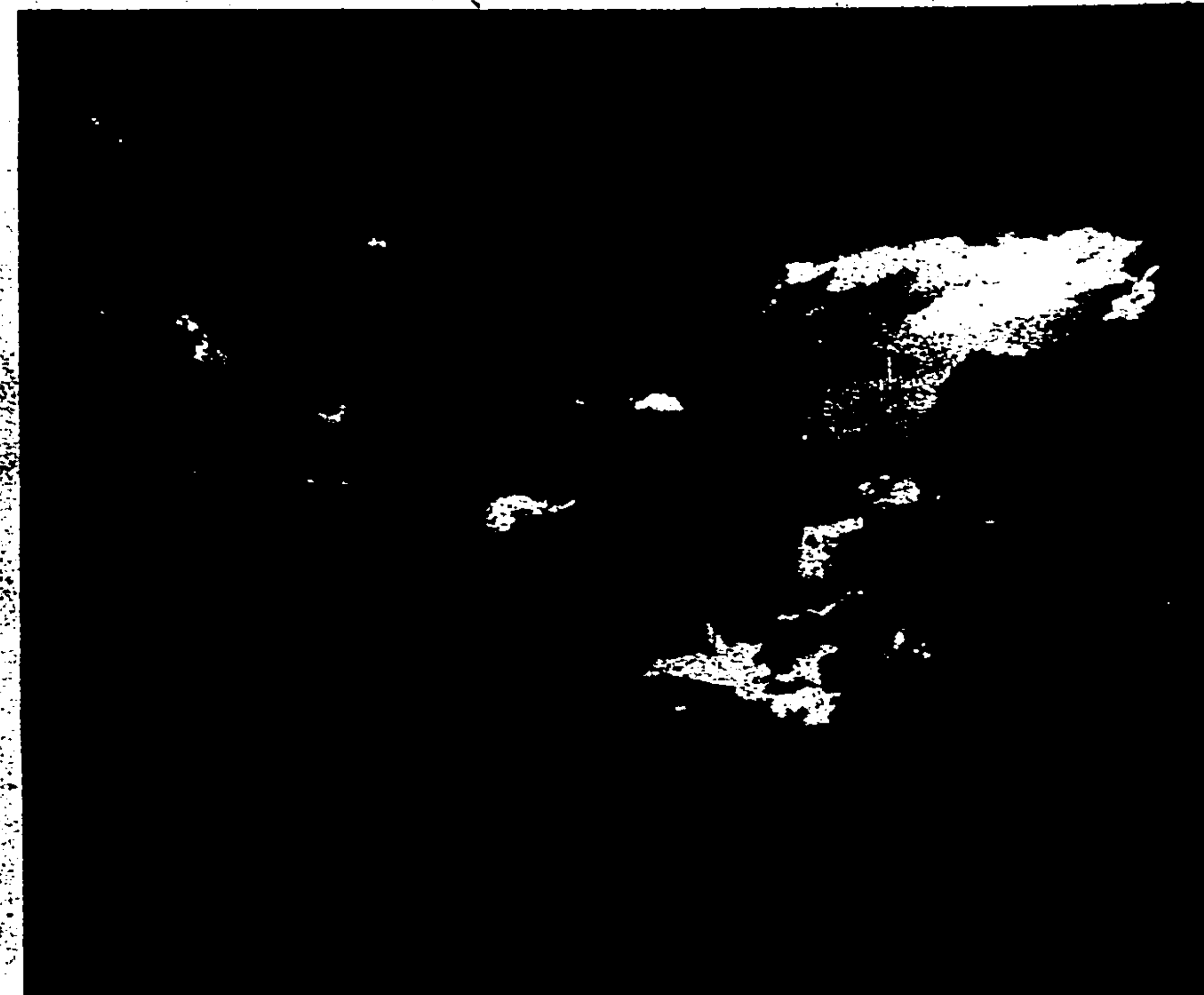
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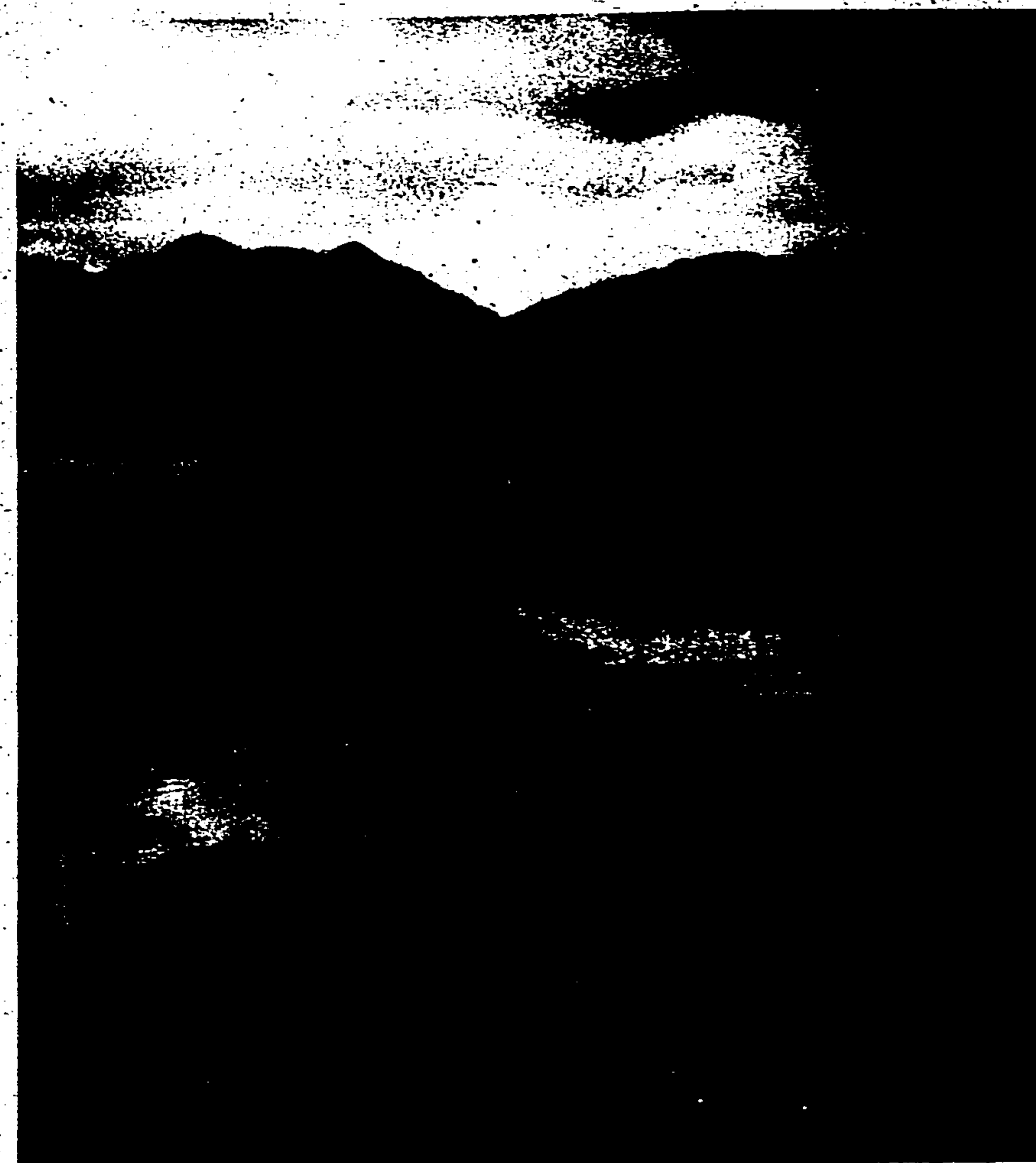
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Melanie the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Heighway.



Stephanie and Brian Booth, the two children of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Booth.



Master Per Elsen in a joyful mood. He is just over fourteen months.

All photographs by K. A. Watson of Gainsborough Studio.



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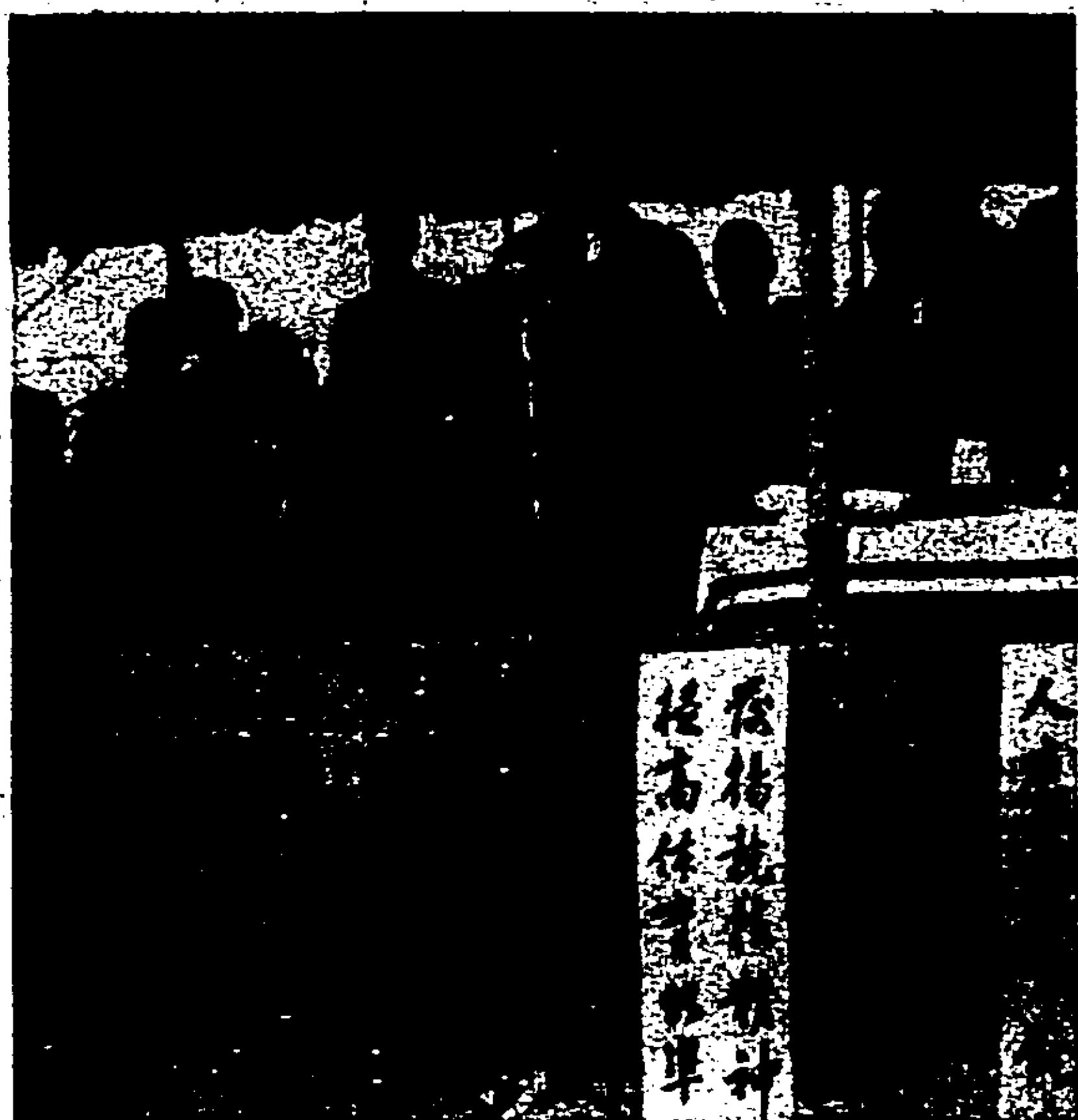
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A WEEK OF SPORT



Chan Chiu-wei, winner of the Harriers Road Race organised by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the second successive year, Lai Tau-kit, who came second, over the course of 7 1/2 miles, on the last lap. (Top right). He came in 51 seconds after the winner. (Asia Photo).



Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, making a short speech before distributing the prizes at the annual inter-schools athletic meeting.

(Right)—Wong Chak Leung in the pole vault at the inter-schools athletic meeting on Friday last week.

(Below)—Chan Chung-to winning the 800 metres (senior) from So Hing-chung.

(Bottom right)—The finish of the 200 metres race for girls. (China Mail Photos).

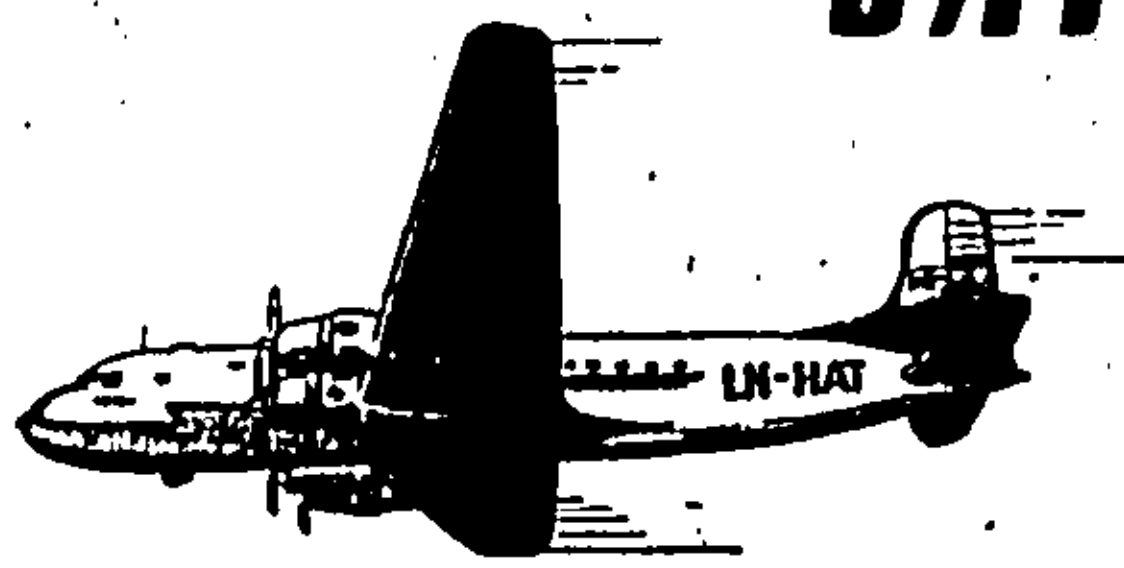


Alan Strachan, Club left wing three-quarter scoring the first goal in the Club v. Navy match last Saturday. Club won 3 pts to 2 pts. (Watson Photo).



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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Remarkable Entry By S.K. Yuen

Out of some hundreds of outstanding pictures submitted for the "Sunday Herald" Photographic Competition, the entries of one competitor, Mr. S. K. Yuen, of 122 Tunglowan Road, have secured three first prizes and one second prize, and all three prizes for the best pictures sent in between November 17 and December 19.

In all, Mr. Yuen wins \$260 and has, of course, an excellent chance of winning also the Grand Prize of \$250, which will be awarded by popular vote.

The heaviest entry was in Section B of the Competition, for scenic pictures, of which so many were of the highest quality that the judges were presented with an exceedingly difficult task.

Judging of the competition was carried out this week by members of the H.K. Photographic Society, Mr. K. A. Watson (President), Mr. Francis Wu (Vice-President), Mr. J.C.M. Grenham and Mr. R.A. Bates, and their awards were as follows:

SECTION A.

1ST PRIZE: "Portrait," Pte. Hanselholdt, Block 12, Married Quarters, Stanley Fort.

2ND PRIZE: "Tanned," S.K. Yuen, 122 Tunglowan Road, 2nd Floor, Hong Kong.

3RD PRIZE: "The Bouncing Egg," Leong Hoi, 11, Queen Victoria Street, 2nd floor.

SECTION B.

1ST PRIZE: "Towering Pagoda," S.K. Yuen, 122 Tunglowan Road.

2ND PRIZE: "Tide Morning," Lai Tai-fung, 211, Queen's Road Central.

3RD PRIZE: "Sun and Smoke," E.S. Franks, China Fleet Club.

SECTION C.

1ST PRIZE: "Evening Flight," S.K. Yuen, 122 Tunglowan Road.

2ND PRIZE: "The Winner," Mamic Ho, 68, Robinson Road, Hong Kong.

3RD PRIZE: "Sea Patrol," Ng Ying-chung, 100, Jervois Street, 1st floor.

SECTION D.

1ST PRIZE: "Three Little Kittens," S.K. Yuen, 122 Tunglowan Road.

2ND PRIZE: "Dog and Shadow," Sylvia Wu, 51, Bonham Road.

3RD PRIZE: "Collection Early," L.J. Remedios, 29, Granville Road, Kowloon.

SECTION E.

1ST PRIZE: "Wind and Tide," Sylvia Wu, 51, Bonham Road.

THEY AREN'T RED ENOUGH

Prague, Jan. 10. Unnamed senior Czechoslovak Army officers were attacked by the Secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, M. Rudolf Slansky, today, when he accused them of "hostility and disrespect for the Soviet Union," which, he declared, made them "foreign agents."

Mr. Slansky made his statement to a meeting of officers and Communist Party members at which he praised Communist generals.—Reuter.

MORE SHIPS THAN MEN

Washington, Jan. 10. The United States Navy has more tonnage in commission than it has ratings to man it. Rear Admiral Thomas L. Syrague, Navy Personnel Chief, said today. Enlisted personnel are down to 362,000 from last July's high of 434,000, and men would have to be taken from other ships, he said. If the Navy wished to put both its 45,000-ton aircraft carriers to sea at the same time. One of them, the Midway, is now in the Mediterranean. The other, the Franklin D. Roosevelt, is undergoing minor overhaul at Norfolk.—Reuter.

for the competition will shortly be exhibited at Francis Wu's Studio in the Gloucester Arcade, and the three Grand Prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded by popular vote. Details of the arrangements will be announced next week.

Universal Week Of Prayer

Throughout this coming week from today until Jan. 18 the Churches in Hong Kong are joining in a Universal Week of Prayer.

This movement was first started in 1846 by the World's Evangelical Alliance and throughout the world year by year early in the month of January, Christians have united in Prayer to God for the needs of the world and the promotion of Christian Unity. The organisers seek to outline the practical and obvious necessity for prayer which exists today and address this call to prayer "to all who in every country and place call upon God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The co-operation of the leaders of the Churches and the various Missionary Societies has made it possible for the Universal Week of Prayer to become so established that now there is no part of the civilised world where it is not observed either by large or small gatherings.

Except for the interruption of the war years, the Churches in Hong Kong have united in the observance of this week of prayer for more than 40 years, and this is the first time since the end of hostilities here. The following Churches, now that they are established and working again, are taking part:—St. John's Cathedral, St. Andrews, Kowloon Christian Church Kowloon Tong, the Methodist Churches, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Union Churches together with the Naval, Military and Air Force Churches and the Missions to Seamen.

Each day at 5.30 p.m. there will be held in St. John's Cathedral a service of prayer led by the clergy and ministers of the various denominations and the subjects will

be:—Monday: The Church as the Body of Christ; Tuesday: The Gospel; God's Method for Man's Redemption; Wednesday: The Message of Christ and its Meaning for the Nations; Thursday: The Call of Christ to Youth; Friday: The Gospel and the needs of Hong Kong and, Saturday: God's Ultimate Purpose.

The week will conclude with a United Service of Witness to be held on Sunday 18th January in the English Methodist Church at Wan-chai at 6.30 p.m. This service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Hong Kong and South China.

The times in which we live are strained and restless; civil war, strife and disaster are very evident and there is no peace. It is by the work of prayer that the Holy Spirit can use the Gospel—"the power of God unto Salvation," to find its way into the hearts of men and so break down the obstacles to the attainment of that peace, love and harmony which we all so earnestly desire. It is hoped that during this coming week all in the Colony whose minds are capable of rising above the level of trivialities and frivolity will examine themselves sincerely and honestly to discover what they are doing in their daily life to further the Christian Gospel so that there may be peace on earth and good will among men. This call to prayer is a challenge to all. Let it not be said of us that we were uninterested or so preoccupied with our own affairs that we had neither the time nor the inclination to consider the needs of the world as a whole, for the world, like a crowd, is made up of individuals.

CHINA'S COLOSSAL BUDGET

NANKING, JAN. 10. "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE GOVERNMENT RAISE LOANS OR INCREASE THE NOTE ISSUE AS A MEANS OF OFFSETTING BUDGETARY DEFICITS," DECLARED DR. HOLLINGTON TONG, DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE.

Dr. Tong was commenting on China's national budget for the first half of the current year as approved by the State Council on Friday.

The new outlay provides CN\$58,000,000,000,000 in revenues and CN\$96,000,000,000,000 in expenditures for the first six months of 1948.

Dr. Tong said this balance "comes close to the best year before the war." He said the present appropriations provide ample reserve funds to cover incidental expenditures and expected increases caused by rising prices.

Military expenditures were classified under a special item and deficits will be met by special taxation and proceeds from property sales through "other methods."—Reuter-AAP.

King Leopold To Take Trip

The Hague, Jan. 10. King Leopold of the Belgians will leave Switzerland on Jan. 20 for a holiday in Antilles. West Indies, after which he will return to Switzerland where he lives in exile, according to a Netherlands News Agency report tonight. The report followed the official announcement in Brussels today that M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, will establish direct contact with King Leopold to seek a solution of Belgium's three-year old "Royal problem."

The King usually travels under the name of Prince de Rothy. The Dutch newspaper, Dagblad, reported today that King Leopold would embark on the Holland-Hamerika liner Sommeldijk at Lisbon.—Reuter.

SPEEDING UP RELEASES

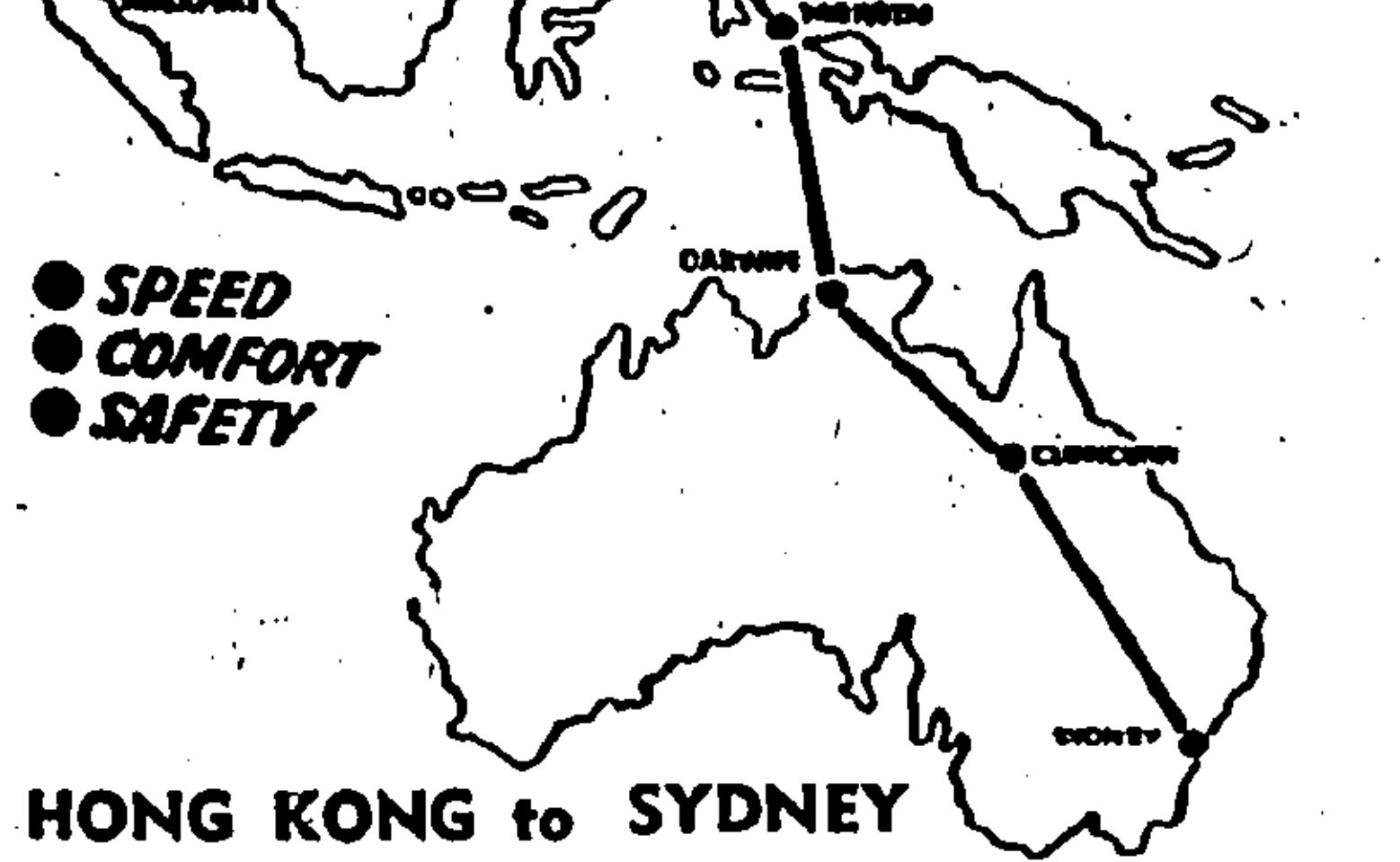
London, Jan. 10. Under a recent plan for speedier releases from the Forces, the total number to be released and discharged in the second quarter of this year will be 144,560—138,560 men and 6,000 women—the Labour and National Service Ministry announced tonight.

This will make the grand total of released and discharged from June 1945 to the end of this year 5,315,200—4,839,020 men and 476,240 women.—Reuter.

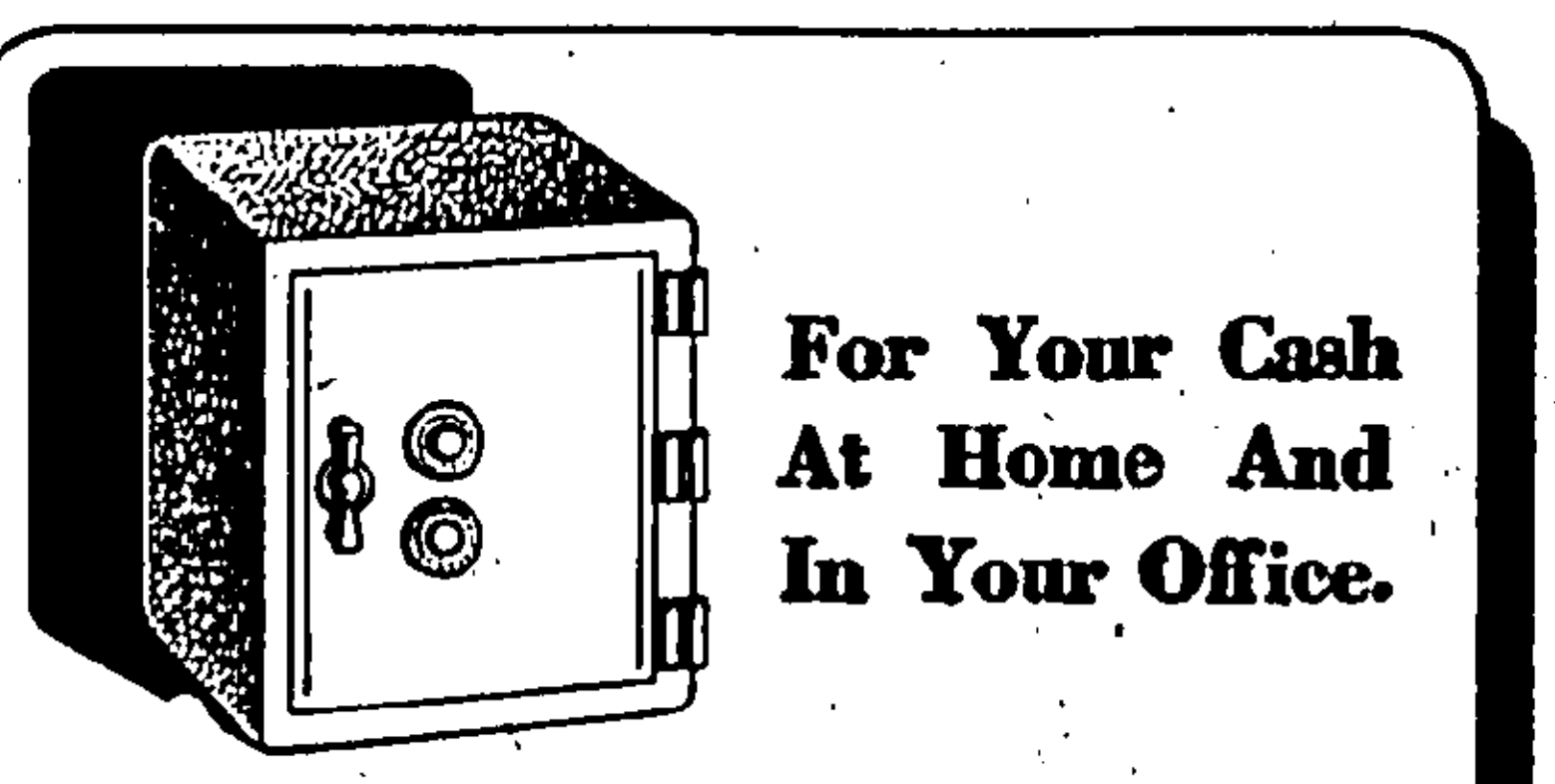
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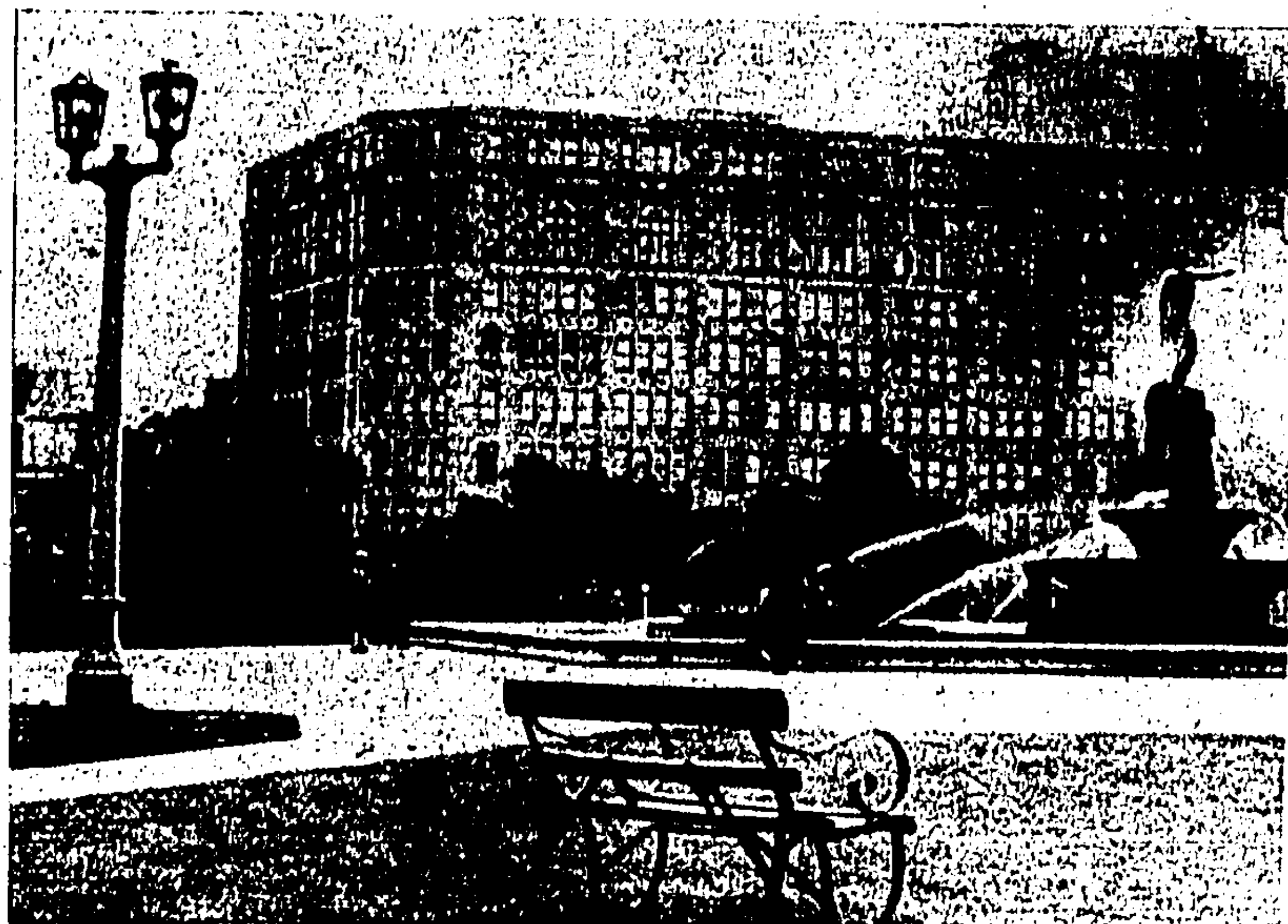
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Sydney is a seething ant's nest of activity.

Everyone is in a hurry to do something or to go some place. If one questions a member of its hurrying populace as to the reason of this mad rush the answer is almost invariably "What rush?"

Shoppers (especially the ladies) are affected by this strange urge for haste. They plough through the streets like determined rugby forwards. I quickly learned to follow these bustling and my passage through the city was considerably simplified in the wide wake they left behind. Taxi-drivers weave through the narrow, traffic crowded streets with a speed that leaves one's hair in a temporary crease. Yet I did not see one traffic accident during my stay.

Tram drivers are cordially hated by both motor drivers and pedestrians. With their heavy vehicles they enjoy what is virtually unlimited right-of-way. Several times I saw aged people compelled to break into a pitiful run to avoid being run-down by a liverish tramdriver. It seems a simple courtesy to slow down to allow these old people to cross the street yet time and again I have seen the vehicle increase its speed as though anxious to overtake the non-tumble pedestrians.

This productivity is well known to the public and is displayed frequently and colourfully, but is nevertheless accepted as part of the Sydney scene. One hour old character informed me the drivers worked on a bonus system.

"Ten bob for a broken arm, a quid for a leg and a fiver for a fatality," he asserted savagely as he planked his empty beer mug on the counter.

Perhaps he was biased. The shops were well worth the discomfort of being pushed around. Escalators carried one between floors in the larger establishments. Most items of clothing are still rationed but judging by the pretty frocks I saw on Sydney's streets the rationing is fairly generous. Australian men are such notoriously bad dresser that rationing must be unimportant to them anyway. The suit that saw them through the last two winters is good enough for the next two summers. Difference in tempera-

ture is solved by the simple expedient of shedding or donning a sweater. Woe betide the man who dares to wear two-toned shoes or a light coloured summer suit in the streets of Sydney! Gandhi in his loin cloth could hardly create more of a stir.

Australian girls must surely be among the loveliest and the healthiest in the world. Each weekend the beaches are crowded with sun-baked beauties in smart and extremely hot bathing suits. Bronzed he-men parade in inter-club rivalry between Surf Life Saving teams, competing in surf swimming races, life boat races, and a march past. One does not have to look far to find the secret of Australians' healthiness. With such beaches as Bondi, Coogee, Manly, Dee Why, Balmoral, and Nielsen Park, to name but a few, within easy tram and ferry distance of the city it is small wonder both young and old become sun-worshippers.

Approximately forty miles south of Sydney the Great Dividing Range approaches within a mile or two of the Tasman Sea and from Sublime Point, near Bulli, one can see an apparently endless string of beaches sweeping southwards. Imagine your self standing at the brink of a sheer cliff. To the east is the deep blue of the Tasman Sea. White collars of foam are spread along golden sands in graceful curves, and from the beaches rise the rich green pastures of the South Coast. Sublime Point was named by inspiration!

If this calls the tourist can travel north approximately equal distance from Sydney to the Lakes district, crossing the Hawkesbury River by the newly completed bridge, and travels through mountain scenery to Woy Woy or Gosford, and from there has a choice of quiet lakes or the robust surf of the coast resorts for swimming or fishing.

Hiking is hardly to be recommended in the Australian summer but there are compensations. From October to December the famous Blue Mountains are rich in wild flowers

One has only to walk a mile or two from any of the Mountain railway stations to see acres of dandelion flowers, dog-rose, bononia, and, if one is lucky, Christmas-bells. Further afield, in quiet gulches, one may find that monarch of all wild flowers, the Waratah. This magnificent bloom, almost extinct a few years ago, owing to the depredations of flower gatherers, is thriving once again. About the size of a large chrysanthemum it is a deep red in colour and is made up of hundreds of tiny curved petals. Beautifully shaped leaves cup the bloom like careful hands, as though they realise it is truly a gem of the forest.

Flowers are not the only attraction of the Blue Mountains. The scenery is splendid. At Katoomba and Leura one can gaze across deep valleys are filled with soft white mist with here and there a dark peak thrusting through. One can stand at Echo Point, above the cloud, and feel detached from the world. At night the various waterfalls at Leura are floodlit making a fairylike land for the romantically minded. The Mountains abound with such names as Lyre Bird Glen, Bridal Veil Falls, Glover's Leap, King's Cave, all with a tale attached that adds to the romance of the Blue Mountains and providing, perhaps, an answer to the Mountain's never-ending popularity with honeymooners.

If I were asked to sum up the Australian character in one word I would say "hospitality". If a visitor remains friendly in Australia there can be but one person to blame—the visitor! Friendships begin in the oddest places. In the surf, a cafe, a public park—or in sharing a mutual escape from a predatory tramdriver. Any of these casual meetings can, and often do, result in an invitation to "come over home and meet my people." The fact of being a visitor from another country opens all doors.

It is this quality, this and the beauty of the beaches, the grandeur of the Blue Mountains and the quiet loveliness of the harbour that remain in one's mind long after leaving Sydney.

Oldster May Be A Victim Of Murder

SUTTON, JAN. 10. TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT MISS CHARLOTTE ARCHER, 83, WHOSE CREMATION YES-TERDAY WAS STOPPED BY A HOME OFFICE ORDER, DIED A NATURAL DEATH, THE SUTTON OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, THE EAST SURREY CORONER TO-DAY ORDERED THAT HER INTERNAL ORGANISM BE SENT TO AN ANALYST FOR A REPORT.

A Harley Street pathologist stated that although the post-mortem findings were primarily indicative of natural death, they were not inconsistent with an overdose of drugs which could have accelerated death.

The coroner said: "We saw not the slightest evidence of anything other than natural death, but certain allegations have been made." He therefore ordered an analyst's report and adjourned the inquest for one month.—Reuter.

MAKING THE MOST OF IT

By MARGARET BRADBURY

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since my last visit to Bangkok 12 months ago, and numerous changes in the country's administration and national status have been effected. But my main impression on leaving the Siamese capital after a one day and night visit, is that these facts in no wise seem to interest the people. Although only a short time ago their complete regime was overthrown and a new one established overnight, Bangkok is a marvellously quiet city with no apparent signs of either satisfaction or disapproval at the upheavals. Coming from a country where the general public take their Government very seriously indeed, this situation seemed strange.

Life in Bangkok is flowing just as easily and smoothly as during the first year of the postwar period. Its national currency, the tical, has fluctuated in small doses, but otherwise there has been no change in the cost of living as it affects those living in the city.

Last night I attended the largest New Year's Eve party in Bangkok—at the spacious Sports Club—where followers of the prewar, wartime and postwar Governments mixed freely and happily without showing any outward signs of discord or conflicting political opinion.

About 1,000 people attended the dance, and all wore either fancy dress or evening wear, and were made up mostly of Siamese royalty, their families, Siamese nobility, European officials and their friends, and a few American business men. The large raised dais facing the entrance to the Club proved an excellent open-air ballroom and together with neon lights and the canopy of stars above, provided a fairylike setting for the singing of Auld Lang Syne, Chinese costumes, Siamese national dress, minstrel make-up and pirates were the order of the day. And incidentally for the benefit of the St. Andrew Ball attendees I might mention that no Scotsman could have wished for a more encouraging turnout at the large "Auchtermuchty" thoughtfully provided by the Club.

Early the following morning, the BOAC flying boat "Poole" which had brought me from Hong Kong, began the next stage of its journey to India and 35 minutes after the "take off" we passed over the formidable range of mountains forming the frontier between Burma and Siam. Eventually we sighted Rangoon with its famous pagoda with tower of gold glittering in the clear blue sky. The "Poole" made a perfect touchdown in the airport harbour and a two-hour stay gave her passengers a chance to obtain a brief glimpse at the city with its many beautiful heathen temples, broad, but dirty streets, and dark skinned natives housed in hovels, which would make Hong Kong's Wanchai proud of its superior tenements. However it may be that Rangoon's poverty-stricken areas may soon disappear for according to the leading article in a Rangoon independent newspaper: "The independent status which Burma will enjoy after January 4 will give her an opportunity which she has been looking forward to for almost a half century to mould her destiny according to the wishes of a progressive people with a popular government, which has behind it the solid backing of the masses."

"Harking back over the many New Years Burmese have seen, this year will see her progress in many directions, both politically and economically, under a regime comprising of leaders of all the indigenous races of the country." Thus is revealed a section of Burmese thought.

Embarking again in the "Poole" after our stay, we soared westwards above the clouds for our next stop at Calcutta. Crossing the coast of Burma at a height of 4,500 feet we gazed down at the faint outline of Sheduba Island while travelling at a steady 180 miles an hour. The "Poole" sped onward until at 8,500 feet above sea level we crossed the Northeast coast of India over the mouth of the Ganges and soon afterwards stepped into the bustling little motor launch which carried us to the Calcutta air base there to spend another night before our next journey across that vast country to Karachi.

All Spent By June

Athens, Jan. 10. Greece will have exhausted the \$300,000,000 United States aid by June 30, Mr. Dwight Griswold, head of the United States aid mission in Greece, declared today. Mr. Griswold added that he hoped that meanwhile the European aid programme would include Greece after April 1. A military programme would be financed out of the total earmarked for reconstruction of the country. All aid beyond June 30, he emphasised, would require new credits. Personally, he hoped for further aid to Greece. Congress would have to decide. "The aim of the American Mission in Greece is the improvement of economic conditions and I believe we shall achieve it," he added.—Reuter.

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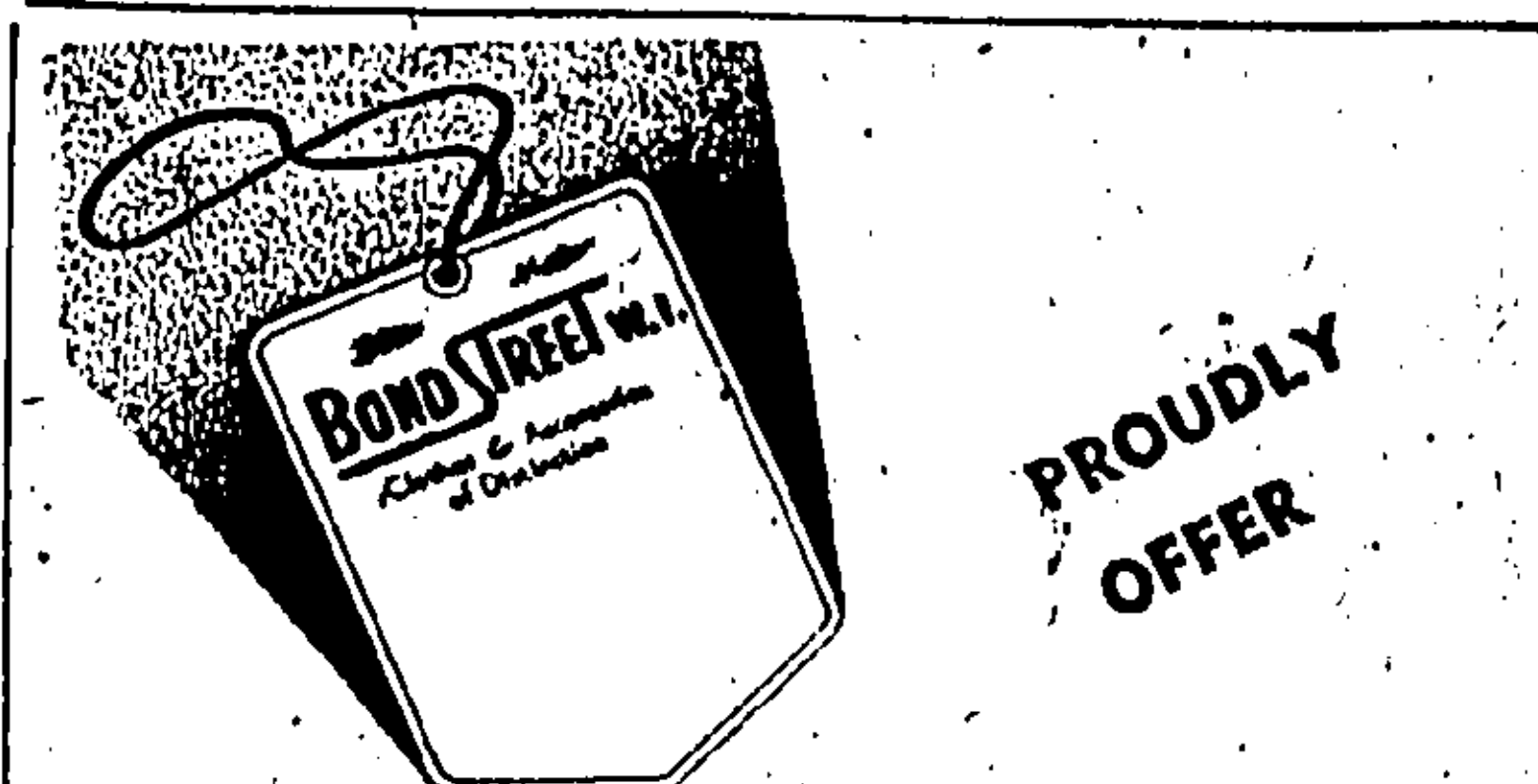
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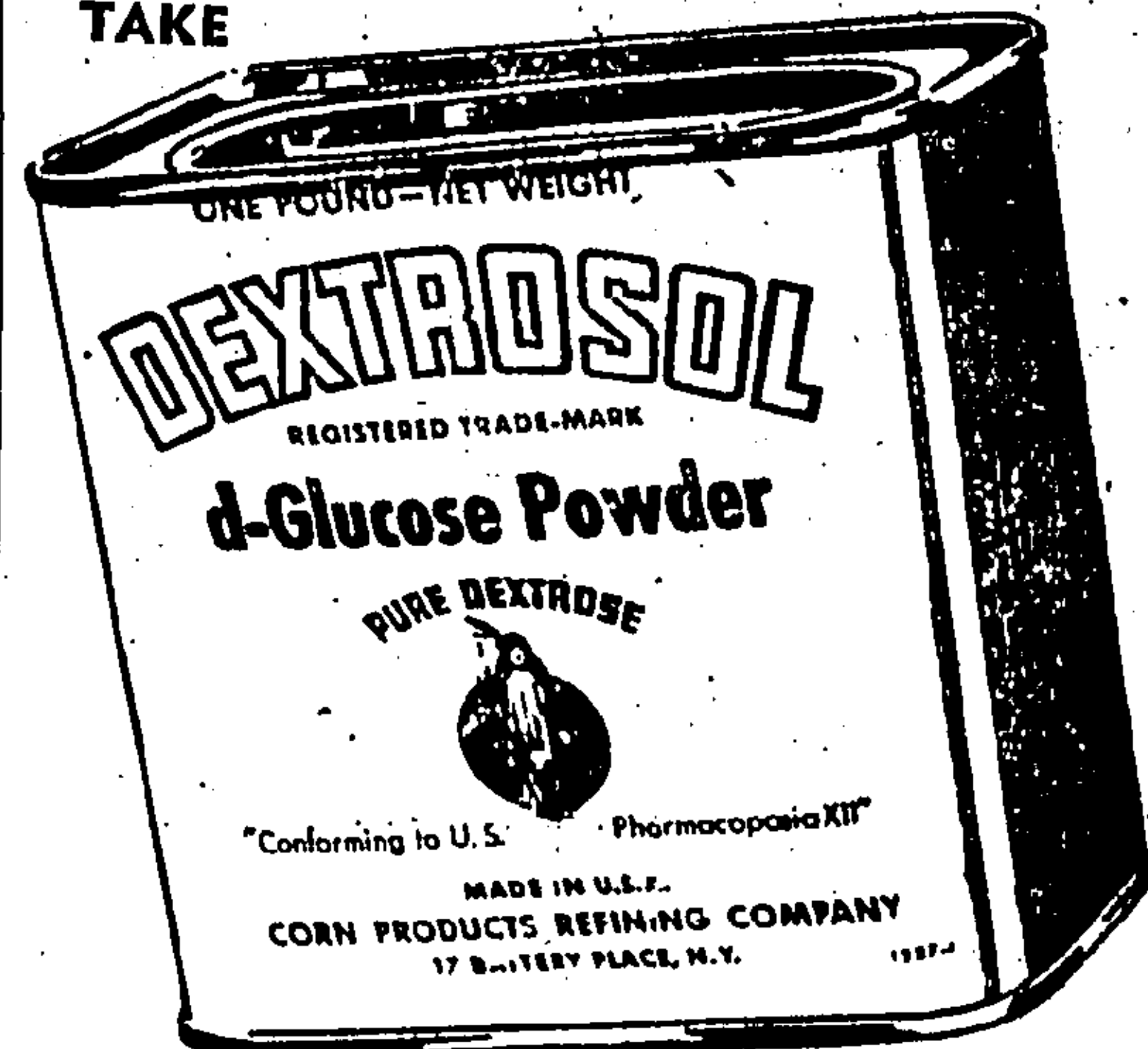
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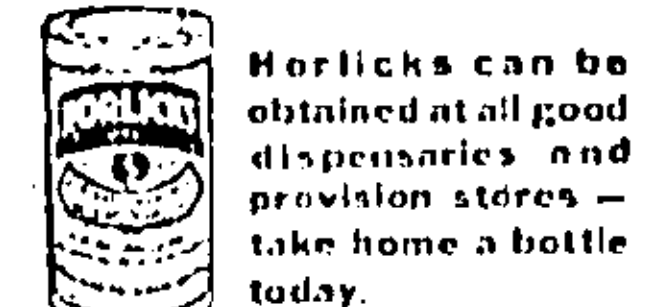
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COMMUNIST PURGE UNDER WAY

Shanghai, Jan. 10.
A Central News despatch from Communist-occupied Taiyuan, provincial capital of Shansi, claimed that the Communist-occupied Taiyuan, provincial capital of Shansi, claimed that the Communist purge is under way with 163 high-ranking Communists already detained and three district Communist Party headquarters disbanded.

The despatch said that immediately following Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's report on Dec. 26 to the Communist Party Central Executive Committee favouring "purification," the Communist authorities in the Shansi-Hopei-Shantung-Honan border area ordered the arrest of 21 high-ranking officials, including deputy chiefs of the department and the Military Production Department of the border area Central Bureau.

The report said that 142 other important officials of the Central Bureau were taken under custody while many others were placed under surveillance. It said that this is only the "beginning of a bloody purge."

—United Press.

Danger Of Police State Warning

Washington, Jan. 9.
Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, today defended the 16 Western European nations against Congressional accusations of inefficiency and bungling in handling their own recovery problems.

"It is easy for us to view the policies and what appears to be the vacillation and timidity of some of these countries with distant criticism, but I venture to say that if we had the same troubles, we would do little better than they have done."

Mr. Douglas, giving evidence during the second day of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Marshall Plan, said that the policies of some European Governments were certainly in part open to criticism, "but principally today's crisis is due directly to the war and to no other cause."

Echoing Mr. Marshall's warning, Mr. Douglas said that Europe might descend to the dictatorship of a police state "if we do nothing or do something inadequately."

Referring to Europe's spheres of influence over the Mediterranean and North Africa and points farther afield, Mr. Douglas declared: "If Europe should fail, these extraordinary strategic points would be lost to us with incalculable consequences."

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Illegal Shipment Nabbed In Time

Ashbury Park, N.J., Jan. 10.
Police authorities yesterday confiscated a cache of 5,200 combat knives and 119 tons of surplus Army explosives which they said had been gathered by Zionists for illegal shipment to Palestine.

Stassen Accuses Officials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.
MR. HAROLD E. STASSEN, A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION THIS YEAR, TODAY TOLD THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT HIGH ADMINISTRATION "INSIDERS" HAD MADE A PROFIT OF ABOUT \$4,000,000 BY TRADING IN COMMODITIES SINCE THE WAR.

Mr. Stassen also told the Subcommittee inquiring into speculation that Mr. Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, did not make a full disclosure of his trading activities when he appeared before the committee last month.

Mr. Stassen said that his information was that Mr. Pauley had actually made a profit of approximately \$1,000,000 through his trading and did not lose \$100,000 as Mr. Stassen said. Mr. Pauley had informed.

He urged the committee to "carry through" with a complete investigation, declaring that the integrity of the Government was involved. —Reuter.

Admiral's Mission To China

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 10.
REAR-ADM. H. K. THURBER TODAY LEFT BOARD THE NAVAJO FOR A VISIT TO CHINA. ADM. THURBER IS TO BE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE NAVY'S ADVISORY GROUP IN CHINA. He would not disclose the nature of his duties. It has been reported that Admiral Thurber is to visit Chiang Kai-shek's top United States naval adviser. His headquarters will be at Nanking.

The Admiral said he expected to stay in China two years. He will relieve Rear-Adm. E. S. Murnaghan.

The New York Region of the War Assets Administration ordered frozen all undelivered orders of surplus explosives.

Police said the explosives were part of 100-ton consignment intended for the Holy Land.

Three trucks containing 60 tons of highly explosive cyclonite blocks were seized in the afternoon in Ulster County, New York, after police had uncovered an initial cache of 50 tons the previous night in warehouses at Ashbury Park and in a farmhouse at nearby Wall township. The combat knives were made originally for the U.S. Navy.

John R. Campbell, Regional Director of War Assets, said the freeze was a "precautionary measure" against "any possible illegal handling of explosives, in cooperation with the normal police powers of local and federal government."

Monmouth County prosecutor J. Victor Carlton, who said he was "firmly convinced" the arms cache was intended to be shipped to Palestine, said the warehouse and farm belonged to Charles Lowy, member of the Ashbury Park Zionist Organization.

Lowy and eight other men were arrested on charges of transporting and storing explosives without a permit. —Associated Press.

Leftist Break From French Labour

Paris, Jan. 10.
The extreme left wing members of the French Socialist Party, who were yesterday summoned to appear before the Party's Disciplinary Commission, tonight formed a new Socialist movement called "The Democratic Unity Socialist Movement."

The rebel group has, for some time, been criticizing leading French Socialists, such as M. Leon Blum, the veteran ex-Prime Minister, whom they have charged with being too closely allied to the M.R.P. (the Popular Republicans).

The leaders of the new Socialist Movement, which advocates collaboration with the Communists and peace with Vietnam, are M. Guinbert, former director of the daily-diffusion Presswork, M. Marcel Pomeroy, editor of the independent Paris left-wing paper, France-Dreux, and M. Pierre Sibbe, former deputy of the Constituent Assembly formed immediately after the liberation.

It was learnt to-night that three of the rebel Socialist members would be excluded from the Party. The disciplinary committee, however, has announced that the new movement has a right to exist. The new movement has a right to exist. The new movement has a right to exist.

POLLITT ATTACK ON BEVIN

London, Jan. 10.
Not only the Communists but also many sections of the British working class are tired of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and he must go, declared Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the British Communist Party, to the press today.

"Mr. Bevin should go," he said. Mr. Pollitt described the Foreign Secretary as "the principal architect of the disastrous British foreign policy" and said that "his removal should be the first step towards a reorientation of the Labour Government."

Mr. Pollitt declared: "So long as he remains in office, the danger of war and misery remains, too."

"Not only the Communists," he declared, "but also many sections of the British working class are tired of Mr. Bevin."

Mr. Pollitt said that membership of the British Communist Party—40,000 strong—was distributed mainly in London, Scotland, Lancashire and Southern England.

He added: "Its influence is greater than would appear from its relatively small number. This influence makes itself felt principally in trade unions, and the Labour Party's attempts to destroy it are destined to ludicrous failure." —Reuter.

Strike In Singapore Harbour

SINGAPORE, JAN. 10.
ABOUT 600 STEVEDORES AND HARBOUR EMPLOYEES STRUCK YESTERDAY AND TIED UP SINGAPORE HARBOUR, WHICH IS CROWDED WITH SOME 35 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

The stevedores demand a free extra meal daily, triple pay for overtime during the second half of the night shift, no payment of wages in arrears except in the presence of a union official, and a "victory bonus" of an unspecified amount to mark the end of the war with Japan.

The Harbour Board chairman, Henry Basten, told the workers that some of their demands were reasonable but others could not be accepted because of the cost involved. —Associated Press.

LABOUR UNREST IN ITALY

Rome, Jan. 10.
Government officials tried again last night to settle the nine-day-old bank strike affecting the Italian economy as a new wave of labour unrest spread through the country.

The 60,000 bank employees are striking for continuation of a 1947 contract which determined a temporary pay increase. —Associated Press.

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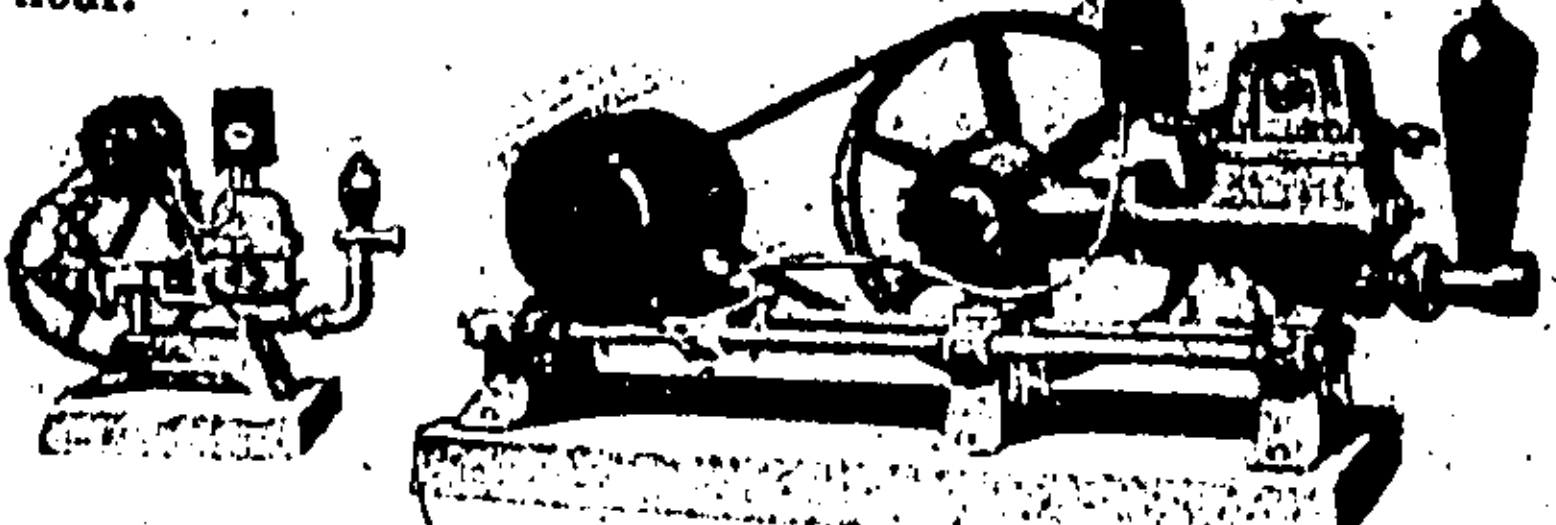
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JANET MARTIN

Our new dresses are all longer, and even if the extra length is only a couple of inches it immediately makes all our other clothes feel demode and out of date.

It really is amazing what a difference an inch or two can make. When you have been wearing slightly longer dresses for just a few days, the shorter ones feel all wrong. In fact they make us feel just as self-conscious as the longer ones did when we first tried them.

Naturally, we can't discard our "pre-war look" wardrobe just because skirts are being worn a little longer, for, between you and I, many of our older dresses would be perfectly fashionable if only they could gain a few more inches. All my friends are busy letting down hems, but alas! sometimes there just isn't any hem to let down, or not enough to be of much use. Fortunately, there are many ways of adding these few inches.....and without making the dress look "made over."

Some of these tips are old stand-bys, for girls have grown and fashions have changed before! And some are new, straight from Paris, where there are still many shortages and much ingenuity in "making do."

Easiest first! Full skirts, gathered into the waist-line, are easy to lengthen. If you prefer to leave the waist as it is, you can insert bands into the skirt. For an afternoon dress, try a wide band in a contrasting shade, placed about six inches below the waist and a similar band, only not so wide, stitched over the bodice front, across from sleeve seam to sleeve seam, just below the shoulders. The band in the skirt will give the extra length, while the band across the bodice will carry out the "idea."

To Lengthen A Skirt—
Or, if the dress is for "after five" occasions, insert a wide band of good lace in the skirt, cut the

neckline low and wear a lace frill or collar.

Alternatively, you could insert several bands of taffetas, of graduating widths, at intervals down the skirt, starting with a two inch band, let us say, near the top, then a one and a half inch band a little lower down and so on to a narrow band near the hem, where the skirt flows out at its fullest.

Reverse the whole idea if you like, or arrange the bands to suit your own taste and use a little of the same contrasting material somewhere at the top, as attached bows at the neckline, perhaps, or as similar bands on the sleeves.

You may add a complete hem, but this is little tricky, for, unless it is done superlatively well, a same will be given away. A more successful way with hems is to scallop the hem of the dress first and add a fold of contrasting material underneath, to show up the scallops and add length at the same time. A scalloped neck or sleeve edge and your new model is ready to take the air.

Tailored Skirts Are Difficult

Tailored dresses are more difficult to lengthen. The first thing to do is to detach the skirt from the bodice and unpick the side seams and waist darts of the skirt to make sure that it can be dropped to hip level. If it will hang easily, you can make a new "midriff" of some gay, contrasting material, fitted from a few inches above the waist to meet the original skirt on the hip line. Fit the midriff snugly and make a large collar of the same material.....the New Look on an old frock.

If you are fond of peplums, try this idea, straight from "Vogue." Drop the skirt to hip level, opening side seams and darts as described above, then add a hip yoke of any similar material, to join the dropped skirt on to the bodice again. lace gathered on to a narrow velvet belt, net, stitched all over with scattered sequins, or in a contrasting plain colour.

Tie the peplum around your waist so that it covers up the inserted hip yoke. Then make a neck trimming from scraps of the peplum material.....a dainty frill of the neck, maybe, or a similar strip of velvet, or a canny bow of the sequin-stitched

Bustles and boleros



"Honour and Obedience" the of a sophisticated new comedy of married life, has some sophisticated and delightful clothes. There are Edwardian bustled dresses, 1929 dresses with dipping hemlines, and dresses that with their emphasis on narrow waists and rounded hips are definitely 1947. They all look exactly right and as modern as to-morrow in the play's gay setting.

1. A dress in pale lilac wool worn by Miss Mona Washbourne has a tiny bolero like a cape. The bolero is lined in cyclamen satin to match the lined waist and the falling back drapery to the skirt.

2. The new sleeves with rounded unpadded shoulders are to be seen in this afternoon dress of Miss Ursula Howells—the year draws to a close necklines are seen to gain fresh importance. The diamond-shaped neckline looks charming on a young girl.

3. The scooped-out neckline on this evening dress of Miss Nora Spinburne is also a talking point. The full, ankle-length skirt is the current popular length for evening.

EDNA McKENNA

For afternoon wear, a sheath-like tunic in a gay printed crepe or candy striped taffetas used horizontally. In the evening, a fitted jacket, buttoning right down the front, in rich Chinese silk, or a dramatic brocade jacket with the newest full sleeves.

Maybe you feel that much of this advice is premature, but if you have already even one longer dress in your wardrobe you will have seen the Shape Of Things To Come!

THE WHERE AND HOW WITH PERFUME

Let's suppose that among your Christmas gifts was a bottle of your favourite perfume. Maybe it will have to last you quite a while, so do make sure that you use it to the very best advantage.

The cardinal sin with perfume is to put it on your clothes.....which is extravagant.....may leave a stain or damage the fabric.....and will certainly evaporate away its beauty, leaving the dry husk of a stale odour behind.

The proper place for perfume is on the skin and the way to place it is in delicate traces, at the temples on the hairline, behind the ears, at the hollow of the throat, the inside of the elbows and wrists, so that it is every distributed.

If you are going to be out for some hours and don't want the effect to wear off too quickly, you may put a few drops on a tiny piece of cotton wool.....provided you never use it more than once. Slip the cotton wool inside a jacket or top, tuck it behind a cambric brooch or into the lining of your hat, the top of your bra or the top of your stocking.....and the fragrance will stay with you longer.

If you can afford to be a little extravagant, put some into your atomiser and spray it onto your hair.....or use a few drops mixed with pure, unperfumed, cologne as a toning rub after your bath.

To get the best air circulation in a refrigerator, keep all jars an inch apart. Do not clutter up the refrigerator with paper sacks or large dishes half filled with foods. Arrange all foods as compactly as possible in storage dishes. Allow plenty of space between the foods so that the passage of chilled air will not be blocked.

The next time white-painted articles are to be cleaned, try using water in which two or three onions have been boiled, and see how readily the dirt is removed.

Nursing hint: To clean painted walls wash with a solution of starch or baking soda in water. Let it dry, and stains will be removed when the starch or soda is removed by a soft brush.

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TERRIBLE TALES OF
DRESSING TABLES

This is the time for Good Resolutions. Putting Things Behind You, and Looking Ahead.

First, is the top of your dressing table clear and clean or cluttered with 'kickshaw' (Nobody could have resisted that one!) The more bottles and pots and what-nots left on your dressing table the more dust they pick up, the more cleaning somebody has to do, and the more likely your skin is to suffer in the long run.

Take out all your make-up, beauty preparations and perfume, and anything else associated with your dressing table, line them up nearby, and start from there.

First of all, the table itself. Clean out all the drawers with a good stiff broom, and line them with tissue paper. Clean the outside surface of the wood, polishing it with a soft cloth. Then wipe the mirror down, using bunched-up tissue paper for a final shine.

It's a good idea to have a glass top for the flat part of your dressing-table. It saves scratches on the wood, it's easy to clean, and prevents marks from spillages. If any. A small circle of felt placed under each corner will prevent glass slipping on wood.

Now start on the cosmetics. Go through them ruthlessly and throw out all the old ones. If you have two bottles of the same preparation combine them, and dispose of the finished bottle.

Open all the cream jars, and clean the screw indentations and the lids with a rag dipped in methylated spirits. This will get rid of clogged cream. Do the same with the lipsticks. Clean your nail-varnish bottles with a piece of cotton and remover, so that they open easily without sucking.

Clean mascara brushes with olive oil, and if necessary buy yourself some new ones. Mascara brushes are apt to become the original 'old faithfuls' if not attended to regularly.

Now we're ready to start putting things away again. Night

So it's the best time to investigate your dressing table. Not now—wait until you've finished reading this.

creams and foundation creams, powders and astringents that you use every day should go into the most convenient drawer. Rouge and lipsticks can go in the same drawer.

Make yourself some boxes to keep the small articles in. Old cigar boxes covered with wallpaper to match your room, or painted cream or green, or blue, make attractive storage receptacles.

And now the question of powder puffs. If you have a separate container for them, with a closing lid, that'll let you through. But otherwise—well, just how ARE your powder and rouge puffs? It's quite a good idea, whether your skin is delicate or not, to keep a packet of cotton handy in your drawer and use a clean piece for each application. Never let your powder puff—and remember, your compact—puffs too—get clogged with grease and dirt. It's one of the quickest ways to spots there is.

Keep perfume in a separate drawer, well-corked to prevent evaporation. Try to preserve the box the bottle comes in—it is not only a help towards keeping the perfume itself, but it looks more attractive than the bare bottle.

Always leave your brush and comb under cover, so that there is no chance of their picking up dust and your brushing it into your hair. Clear plastic comb-and-brush covers are obtainable, or you can keep a box in your drawer especially for them. When washing your comb or brush follow the directions you're given with them. If any. If there are no special directions, a weak solution of ammonia and lukewarm water is usually effective. Leave them to soak for about five minutes, and hang them up to dry out of the sun.

Keep jewellery in a box especially built for that purpose, with compartments for different pieces. Line it with cotton wool so polished surfaces do not get scratched. If the surface of the box is smooth it can be kept on top of the

table, but a carved surface is best kept away from—yes, you've guessed it, dust.

A fresh box of tissues and your equipment is complete—ready for any and all emergencies.

Just a final note: Never make up in what you know is a bad light. If you have good day light but bad night light, try using a standard lamp, with a fairly high stem. Cover it with a white shade. Never try making up at night under a low electric light—it throws shadows where shadows shouldn't be.

For a bad day light, try moving the table. If that just won't do, see if you can get hold of a daylight lamp—they come in all sizes, and are just the thing for perfection in make-up.

And that's all. With a bowl of flowers on the dressing top, a jewel box, two candles and a glittering mirror, your room is off to a good start of its own for a Bright New Year!

INDUSTRY
IN THE
HOME

The Akron (Ohio, USA) Art Institute recently held a unique exhibition of new designs of ordinary household articles—new ideas that are combining beauty with usefulness to make the American home (and, eventually, other homes) a time-payment 'Joy forever'.

Charles Val Clear, director of the Art Institute, says: "There are no fancy useless gadgets (at the exhibition). There are no rare items and collectors' pieces. It has taken us a year to make the selection and prepare the exhibit. To give the original designers due credit for their work, as well as to find out just who were the original designers before the manufacturers took over, Mr. Val Clear decided that each exhibit would bear the name of its inventor. An interesting fact: The dug up in the course of his investigations was that very few notions come from the pooling of various ideas. With few exceptions the articles were all designed by one person."

"Old-Time Craftsman"

In "The Christian Science Monitor" Mr. Val Clear pointed out that he had insisted, on giving (the inventor) as much credit as a given to the manufacturer and the store which sells the goods. We are trying to get back to recognition of the old-time type of craftsman.

One of the features of the "Art in Use" Exhibition was the handle-less pitchers and jugs displayed. Indented and made them easier to hold than the old-type handles. Jugs took a beating all round, for the latest design features a rounded base, which may teeter round for a while but always remains upright.

Garage cans too came in for a beauty treatment—the latest are enameled white with chrome fittings, and the latest foot-opening gadget is included.

An electrically-lighted darning egg makes a novelty even out of the weekday heel-repairing. To keep eggs in refrigerators, try one of the new plastic egg trays, space-saving and egg-saving at the same time.

The Art Institute has established a research bureau to help along industrial art in Akron, furthering the aim of combining attractive designs with utility. It seems as if the days of split milk and home drudgery are rapidly reaching the end of their road.

HOUSEHOLD
HINTS

Soaking silverware in a solution of hot water and borax (quart of hot water to a table-spoon of borax) will usually remove tarnish. Do not boil. Place a few pieces of silver in at a time. Remove, and then wash in a solution of soap, borax and water. Wipe them dry.

To sharpen the point of a sewing machine needle (or if the needle is too large), scratch with the needle through the sandpaper several times.

To clean an electric kitchen clock when greasy fumes have clogged it, pour a little carbon tetrachloride over the works several times. Turn on the electricity and the grease will be evaporated.

Carbon tetrachloride is a good cleaner for collars, hat bands, dresses or suits. But be careful not to use it in a closed room. It has a strong odor, and if it is used in a room with a fire, it is very dangerous. It is also a good solvent for greasy stains on clothing.

PREPARING FOR SUMMER AGAIN



FOR BEACH AND PATIO

Marguerite Saville (left) models a striking one-shoulder patio dress while Shirlee Carter (right) wears a two-piece swimsuit with a new backless, strapless bra at Cole of California's showing of 1948 beach and resort wear at Hollywood. The bra is held on by a wire frame which clips to the torso, and Designer Fred Cole said NOT one has slipped off accidentally, yet.

EMPHASIS ON YOUR
EYEBROWS
By VICTOR MAMAK

Where can you find a pair of perfect natural eyebrows? Even Hollywood, where beauties from all parts of the world gather like moths round a candle-flame, cannot produce a pair which can be called 'perfect' without the use of tweezers and the shadowy touch of an eyebrow pencil.

It can be safely asserted that nearly every woman will find in her eyebrows a few hairs which grow contrary to the natural pattern and spoil the system of the whole growth. Such hairs should be treated with tweezers, without the least compunction. The remaining 'naturalness' will be found a good deal more attractive.

Some women, with a high sense of love for nature and all things natural, will perhaps scorn the idea of plucking the eyebrows, saying that it was once natural to let nature take its own course. But then it was once also natural to swing by our tails in the trees.

Such feminine naturalists, however, would not tolerate the growth of a tiny weed in their gardens (presuming, of course, that they have gardens). Quickly the weed would be plucked out and thrown away. Why? No doubt to improve the look of their gardens. Similarly they should pluck away all unwanted hairs from their eyebrows to improve their own good looks.

Improve, Not Alter

eyebrow plucking and shaping, if properly done, has never done anyone any harm. In fact, artistically shaped eyebrows lend expression to the face and are definitely a step towards attractiveness.

Brows that are too close together are definitely a deterrent to good looks, and yet they quite often insist on naturally growing that way. Such brows are not only unattractive but they give the face an expression which is hard and, sometimes, sultry. Plucking such brows is strongly recommended. The ideal space between the two brows is an eye-width, and this fact should be born in mind while you are plucking.

The outer ends of the brows should go to the outer corners of the eyes. This is of course, laid down only as a general rule. This angle should not vary according to the type of face. Eyebrows should be shaped in accordance with your individual type of face and personality. For instance, a round face should not have brows with an exaggerated and elongated curve, whereas elongated curves will be quite in place on a long face.

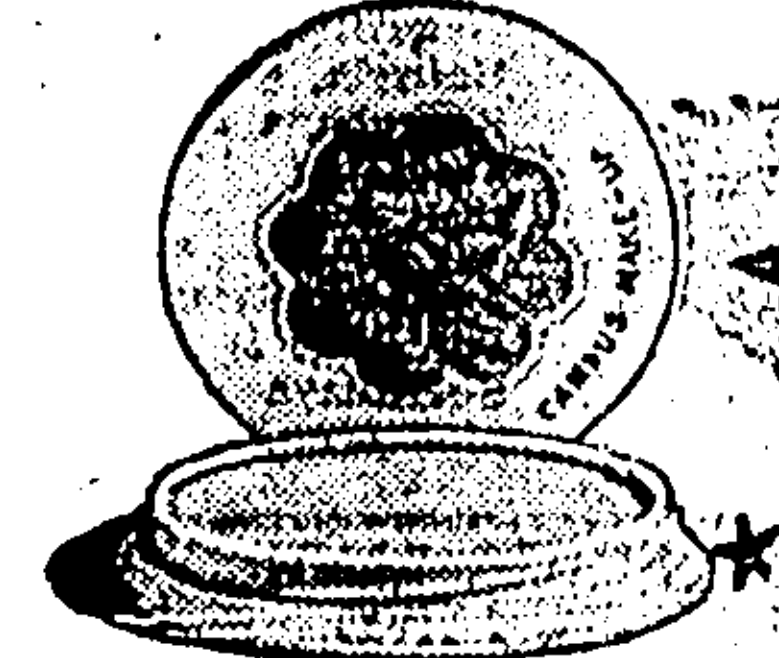
An eyebrow pencil should be used discreetly and sparingly, and shadows touch is all that is required to emphasize the brows. No hard lines, please! Thin, lightly applied brows (Garbo and Dietrich pattern) have now ceased

to have been scratched and marked. Take a piece of tin foil and iron it until smooth. Then apply the tin foil to the back of the eyebrows with a little rubber cement or coat it over with clear shellac.

To save time when cleaning a golden bowl, pour the oil into a container and get it a basin of water. Clean the bowl and replace the oil.

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London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 9.
Heavy investment buying of British gilt edged securities featured trading on the Stock Exchange with closing prices showing good gains in this group. Elsewhere interest was small with oil shares moving irregularly.

Mining shares were quiet and finished fractionally lower. The Financial Times daily index of London stocks was 124.3.

SECURITIES

British Consols, 1945/75 ... 88

Conversion Loan, 2 1/2% 1961 ... 105

Funding Loan, 1957/70 ... 115

War Loan, 2 1/2% 1952 ... 103 1/2

War Loan, 3% ... 103 1/2

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MINING SHARES

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Orange Free State Trust ... 58 1/2

Summing up the alleged scandal, World Report, weekly news magazine, said:

"Japan's industrial trusts are holding vast hoards of raw materials while shortages strangle production."

"The stocks were looted from Japanese army supplies with official collusion. They are being sold slowly, at a huge profit, in the black market."

"A plot to thwart recovery, boost U.S. expenses and discourage the occupation may be involved."

The occupation authorities have thus far not taken a hand in the alleged irregularities. It is understood here, but this policy may be in for a change.

Stocks Vanish

Washington officials concerned with Japanese affairs long have felt that secret efforts were going on in Japan aimed at defeating Allied reparations policies.

Japan's war stockpiles, sufficient to supply that nation's peacetime economy "for four years" have vanished, it is claimed, "and only a tiny proportion was sold legally."

It is claimed that when the Japanese Government decided to surrender in 1945 it ordered materials stockpiles sold for public benefit.

"High-ranking officers turned over supplies directly to business concerns in exchange for bribes or executive jobs," World Report stated.

Zaibatsu Share

"The Zaibatsu companies, Japan's family monopolies, obtained the biggest share of the spoils. Much of the loot is gone for good, but other stocks are being recovered by police searches."

"Politics as well as profits may be involved," the magazine said. "There is evidence that Japan's ultra-conservatives have allied the campaign chest of their Liberal Party with some of the fraudulent gains."

"Some observers feel," World Report concluded, "that the whole state was part of an organized plot designed to shore up the economic power of the family trusts, tide them through the occupation period and help them regain control of Japan."—Associated Press.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, Jan. 10.
Crude rubber futures closed 39 to 41 lower. Sales were 200 contracts. March 22.50 bid, May 21.13 bid, July 20.42, September 19.95 bid.

No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 22 1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

South African Townships ... 22 1/2

Selection Trusts ... 40/0

South African Townships ... 4/6

Welkom ... 60/0

Tobacco Securities Trust Offer ... 2-0/10

Grootvlei Mining ... 30 1/4

—Reuter.

RUBBER EXPORT RECORD?

Singapore, Jan. 10.
Singapore and the Malayan Union exported 953,697 tons of rubber in 1947, and the United States was the biggest buyer.

A spokesman said complete figures for past years were not available but that the 1947 figure may be an all-time record.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold slid down to \$303.25 a tael an hour after opening at \$311 yesterday morning, but rallied to \$305.50 towards the close.

There was no dealing in Pianos and the rate was quoted nominal at \$11.00 a 100.

Chinese National Currency was firmer. Futures went up to 3 1/2 cents after opening at 3 1/4 (for CN\$10,000) as against 30 the day before.

There was no dealing in spot which stood at 36 1/2 cents nominal, though there were demands at a point higher.

Ticals eased off again to \$26.50 a 100.

U.S. dollars remained quiet at \$4.90.

Sterling was quoted at \$13.40, and Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.51.

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"TSINAN" Swatow 2 p.m. 15th Jan.
"NEWCHWANG" Pusan & Shanghai 4 p.m. 15th Jan.
"ANHUI" Amoy, Swatow, Singapore & Penang 10 a.m. 16th Jan.
"HUNAN" Fochow, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 17th Jan.

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"NEWCHWANG" Bangkok 8 a.m. 11th Jan.
"ANHUI" Swatow & Amoy, p.m. 11th Jan.
"FOCHOW" Kobe 6 p.m. 11th Jan.
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Singapore via Bangkok:
Jan. 11, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Singapore:
Jan. 12, BOAC (Capt. Rudd), 4 p.m.

Manila:
Jan. 13, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Jan. 16, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

Jan. 11, H.K. Airways (Capt. Raeburn), 3 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Slanghai):
Jan. 15, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):
Jan. 14, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Canton:
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DEPARTURES TO

Singapore via Bangkok:
Jan. 12, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Singapore:
Jan. 11, BOAC (Capt. Rudd), 7.30 a.m.

Jan. 12, BOAC (Capt. Townsend), 7.30 a.m.

Manila:
Jan. 12, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Jan. 12, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Jan. 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.

San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 15, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 16, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland
(Reg.) Jan. 10, 1 p.m. (Ord.) Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) Jan. 10, 10 a.m. (Ord.) Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) Jan. 10, 10 a.m. (Ord.) Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

Closing Time by Sea and Train
Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) Jan. 10, 10 a.m. (Ord.) Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 10 a.m.
Tientsin, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 12

Closing Time by Air
Airmail for Manila, P.I. (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking; Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Closing Time by Sea and Train
Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking
(Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Canton, 9 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 9 a.m.

Haliphong, 10 a.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Noon.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Manila, Aden and Marseilles, 2 p.m.

Straita, Ceylon, East and South Africa, Bombay, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool, (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Konamoon, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Closing Time by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Cairo (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, Australia, and London, Kowloon, G.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy and Fochow; Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

FRENCH APPROACH TO CHINA

Nanking, Jan. 10.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Affairs told the United Press today that France has made overtures to China for a barter trade agreement.

The official said that Henri Mouge, chief of the French Far Eastern Economic Mission proposed to the Economic Minister, Chen Chien, that French machinery, electrical equipment, tools, and textile equipment be exchanged for Chinese tea, tung oil, silk, and soybeans.—United Press.

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War Bonnet 8,000 tons (Texas) (Capt. Torenson), Tuen Wan.

Island Mail (Everett) from U.S.A., Kin. Wh.

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"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"ORIMARA"	Bombay via Straits	29th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"OLWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

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"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	20th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Bombay via Straits	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Jan.
"OZARDA"	Bombay via Straits	31st Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"OLWARA"	U.K.	29th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	2nd Mar.
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Today's Football Fixtures

The following are today's Football League fixtures:

FIRST DIVISION

Innisfree v. Chinese A.A., Sookun-poo, 4 p.m. (Referee, R. M. Omar; Linesmen, Y. M. Mak and P. P. Li).

Kit Chee v. Eastern Navy, 4 p.m. (Referee, C. Tunstall; Linesmen, Harris and A. M. Lee).

Police v. Sing Tao, Police, 4 p.m. (Referee, J. G. Pudley; Linesmen, P. M. Xavier and M. Leung).

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Navy v. Taikeo, Navy, 2.30 p.m. (Referee, A. Farmer).

Eastern v. Police, Police, 2.30 p.m. (Referee, A. F. Willis).

Dockyard v. W.D. Chinese, Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m. (Referee, Billy).

SECOND DIVISION "B"

South China v. Signals, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. (Referee, C. Redman).

25th R.A. v. R.L.M.E., Happy Valley, 4 p.m. (Referee, S.M. Easton).

The following are today's fixtures for the School Football League:

SENIOR DIVISION

St. Joseph's v. Queen's (Club, 11.30 a.m.), Referee: Dr. J. Shy.

St. Paul's v. E.K.A.M. (Club, 10.15 a.m.), Referee: E. Strange.

A.C.A.M. v. St. Joseph's (Navy, 10.15 a.m.), Referee: Kwok Ying-kee.

St. Paul's v. E.K.A.M. (Navy, 11.30 a.m.), Referee: Farmer.

Wantsai A.M. v. St. Stephen's (C. Hill, 10.15 a.m.), Referee: Chan Tak-fai.

N.T.C. v. A.C.P.M. (Navy, 2.10 p.m.), Referee: Tsang King-hong.

Wah Yan v. Wantsai P.M. School (Navy, 2.10 p.m.), Referee: Farmer.

G.V.M.S. v. E.K.P.M. (C. Hill, 11.30 a.m.), Referee: Barretto.

La Salle v. Yumati (Police, 10.30 a.m.), Referee: Ward.

TENNIS:

Recreio Beats Kowloon Tong

Entertaining the Club de Recreio yesterday in a friendly tennis game, Kowloon Tong were beaten by 6 games to 3.

Ed. Wong and Albert Chan (Kowloon Tong):—

beat J. J. Remedios and W. A. Reed 7-5

lost to H. J. Gonsalves and A. M. Silva 4-6

beat V. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha 7-5

G. Lim and K. Lam (Kowloon Tong):—

beat Remedios and Reed 7-5

lost to Gonsalves and Silva 2-6

lost to Gonsalves and Noronha 1-6

D. Chan and M. L. Chan (Kowloon Tong):—

lost to Remedios and Reed 2-6

lost to Gonsalves and Silva 2-6

lost to Gonsalves and Noronha 2-6

Noronha 2-6

Arrangements for the 1948 Annual Racing Carnival under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday, 17th, Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, and Saturday 24th, January have now been completed.

The first Saddling Bell will ring each day at 11.30 A.M. with the first race starting at 12.00 Noon sharp. There are 11 races each day and the tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 P.M.). The fifth race begins at 2.30 P.M.

There have been 171 new Australian Subscription Griffins in training for this Carnival not counting the old brigade and having watched them in their preparation for some time for this Annual Affair, I am now able to give my readers some indication of form with regard to the more prominent.

I.L.K. Derby

The most important race, of course, is the Hong Kong Derby which has attracted a record entry of 110 ponies for this Classic to be run on Jan. 19 and in which the big Cash Sweep will be decided.

Among the ponies entered I think the following are about the best: Black Market, Boom Town, Dominion Day, Meteor, Norse Princess, Panda, Pearl Diver, Pleasant Valley and Sidher.

Black Market, belonging to Fredbert, did a fast gallop on Jan. 3, over the mile distance with Mr. M. M. Boycott on top in 1.58, last quarter 29.2 seconds, which is an excellent performance and should find good support.

Boom Town, owned by Fan, impressed rail fans over the Derby distance in 3.24.3, last quarter 28.2 seconds, on Dec. 31. It is already established as a firm favourite for this event.

Dominion Day, property of Dr. W. N. Chau, did a good gallop over the mile, amahed by its stable companion D-Day over the mile on Dec. 31 in 2.06.2, last quarter 28.3 seconds. It will probably be taken out by Mr. B. L. Tao and should find it there, take note of it for other events.

Meteor, owned by Mr. S. W. Lee, which covered the mile on Dec. 18 in 2.06.4, last quarter 29 seconds, has the appearance of a sprinter. However, it will be in the capable hands of Mr. Tung, a prominent jockey from the North.

Norse Princess, stable mate of Norse Queen, winner of the 1947 Hong Kong Derby and owned by Mr. R. Johannessen, has been freely mentioned as a serious contender in this main event. It galloped the mile in 2.00.4, last quarter 32.1 seconds, on Dec. 20. As it will be taken out by Mr. Black its chance of winning is very bright.

Panda

Panda belonging to C. Y. Leung, went over the Champion distance on Dec. 17 in 2-35 with a last quarter of 30.2. It was full of running and is greatly fancied in some quarters to annex this event. It will be taken out by Mr. S. L. Yuen.

Pearl Diver, owned by Henry, is a good looking pony which

has invariably done well over the mile distance but whether it is good enough for the mile and a half remains to be seen. However, it should not be disregarded under this distance.

Pleasant Valley, belonging to Hoping, came in for much attention on Dec. 18 when it was taken out by a Chinese riding boy for a six furlong sprint. After completing the distance, the pony ran away with the boy for 6-1/2 rounds until the boy got so tired that he fell off the pony near the Black Rock the pony stopped at the 2-mile post where it was caught. By this performance Pleasant Valley definitely proved that it has strength and stamina for this gruelling race. Watch out for it.

Sidher, owned by Mr. B. W. Bradbury, is another pony to be borne in mind. It has not done anything startling in its work out during morning exercise, but judging from the way it moves, it appears to have talent which has not yet been properly developed.

Chances

The ponies I have mentioned are undoubtedly the best of this year's Subs, and I think the Hong Kong Derby winner will be among them, with Boom Town, Norse Princess, Panda and Pleasant Valley having the best chances.

For the other events the following ponies have showed that they are capable of winning a race or two: Golden Eagle, Kentucky Moon, King of Peace, Shabin, Ascot Beauty, Meteorologist, Sorcerer, Brivisto, Sugarfoot, Merry Thoughts, Princess Delight, Arlington, D-Day, Lovely Lady, Blue Ribbon, Sino Marshall, Mona Lisa, Blue Sky, Tit for Tat, Argus II, Harvard, Rasher, Ataman, Amazon, Larkspur Lad, Eye Witness, Sure Shot, Desert Knight, Happy Event, Desire, Queen of Hearts, Ding How, Sapientia and City of Brisbane.

For the first time in the history of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Chinese characters denoted in the English being the name of the pony will counterpoint on the board commencing from this Carnival.

Policeman And Switchgirl Were In Love

Kamakura, Jan. 10. A 26-year-old Japanese policeman and an 18-year-old telephone switchboard girl drank poison at an inn here attempting a double love suicide.

Doctors who rushed to the scene resuscitated the policeman but the girl died. It was the second case of love suicide reported since Jan. 1 but the first in the vicinity of Tokyo.—United Press.

MCC Open First Test At Barbados

Bridgetown, Jan. 9. The M.C.C. cricketers had scored 230 for 7 at the close of play on the first day of their match against Barbados here today.

They were probably surprised by the high standard of Barbados' bowling and fielding on the opening day of their tour. In scoring 230 for 7 wickets at the close of play they owed much to J. D. Robertson (51) and to left-hander J. T. Ikin (45).

Ikin and K. Cranston put on 71 before the next wicket fell when the M.C.C. had lost 4 wickets for 124.

The best of the good Barbados attack were E.A.V. Williams who took 3 for 40 and Frank King who took 2 for 46.—Reuter.

"CHIANG IS NOT DISCOURAGED"

Honolulu, Jan. 10. Major General John Lucas, retiring chief of the United States Army Advisory Group in China, said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is not discouraged by the recent setbacks at the hands of the Communists.

"Chiang is stubborn and will never stop fighting," said Lucas and added that he personally did not believe the Communists would be able to penetrate Tangkai or any other major Nationalist stronghold.

He said the Advisory Group has completely reorganised the Chinese military set-up but has not actually trained troops.

The Nationalists are desperately in need of such training and also United States equipment if they are to win the war, said Lucas.—United Press.

U.N. Urged To Use Force If Needed

Lake Success, Jan. 10. The Secretary General, Trygve Lie, today urged the United Nations Security Council to invoke all its powers, including the use of military force, if necessary, to keep peace during the impending partition of Palestine.

The United Nations chief strongly implied that Council action will be needed unless the Arabs refrained from resistance to the United Nations Holy Land Partition programme.

Introducing the attempt to split the land between Jews and Arabs, Lie opened the first meeting of the Palestine Commission with a denunciation of violence in Palestine and a reminder to the Security Council that it must back partition with all its strength.

Lie said that the current bloodshed is "deplorable" and warned nations and peoples concerned with Palestine against "any action which might delay and hamper" the partition.

In terms indignantly strong for the United Nations Secretary General, Lie said that the Commission is entitled to be confident that "in the event that it should prove necessary, the Security Council will take its full measure of responsibility in the implementation."

Lie's address opened the discussion of five small-nations entrusted by the General Assembly with the carrying out of the American-Russian plan, which in itself does not call for a United Nations force unless future events make Security Council action necessary.—United Press.

INDIA IMPERATOR TO GO

London, Jan. 10. As the King has agreed using the title "Emperor of India," the Latin construction of the words "India Imperator" is to be omitted from future British coins and the remaining words rearranged to give a balanced inscription, as that of the Royal Mint said.

Hirohito Is A Symbol Of State

Tokyo, Jan. 10. The chief prosecutor for the International Tribunal for the East, Mr. Joseph Keenan, described the Emperor's new status as a symbol of state without political power under the new constitution as most "useful" for Japan's development, the Mainichi Shimbun reported today.

In a press conference with Japanese reporters at the Akami Hotel, Keenan said that the Emperor's new status was a symbol of state without political power under the new constitution as most "useful" for Japan's development, the Mainichi Shimbun reported today.

Responding to a question, Keenan said he experienced the most difficulty with Tojo during cross-examination, then among all the other defendants because Tojo did not answer questions "directly."

Keenan reiterated that the purpose of the International Tribunal is to prevent ravages caused by war.

The paper quoted Keenan as saying that decision has yet been made about the trial of the remaining 17 Japanese war criminals.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1948.

Saturday, 17th January, Monday, 19th January, Tuesday, 20th January & Saturday, 24th January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through numbers (44 race \$88.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "HONG KONG DERBY" scheduled to be run on the second day, Monday, 19th January. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 128 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that the and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each, day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, The Tao men, able in the Restaurant in the operate within the precincts of during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtained from the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

BY ORDER

S. A. SLEAF

Actg. Secretary

Didn't Keep Their Loot For Long

New Orleans, Jan. 10. The biggest bank robbery in years brought five bandits about US\$130,000 today, but before the sun had set three men were in jail and about half of the loot was recovered.

An informant's tip brought swift police action after the robbery of the mid-city branch of the Hubertan National Bank was carried out with intended smoothness.

The bandits tipped their hands by talking too loudly as they planned the robbery in a bar-room, police said.

Four men forced their way into the bank before it opened this morning and went about their work as though every part had been rehearsed. They were armed with pistols, and were un-manned.

A Negro porter was slugged with a pistol barrel when he protested the treatment of a woman employee. Assistant Manager Hynes Ambrose was forced to open the vault with the threat of death if he failed.

FRIENDLY CRICKET ROUND-UP "Working" THE SWEDE

Varsity Score | C.C.C. Draw First Win | With Kowloon

Some keen games were seen in yesterday's friendly cricket, the outstanding of which was the feat of University who scored their first win this season when they beat Club by 31 runs.

At Kowloon, Craigengower Cricket Club drew with Kowloon Cricket Club but the latter's juniors trounced the Valleyites by six wickets thanks to D. J. Jones who was 60 not out for Kowloon.

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club were lucky to draw with Recreio as they were 95 runs behind with the loss of nine wickets.

VARSITY - H.K.C.C.

On the Club ground University beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 31 runs in the last over. Although the score between the University and Club would appear to indicate a comfortable win for the Students they were lucky that Dr. L. T. Ride took the last wicket just before time to prevent a drawn game.

UNIVERSITY

L. T. Ride, c-substitute, b. Raynor	14
T. Lo, b. Raynor	7
D. Hanson, lbw. Raynor	35
T. C. Leung, c. Slagter, b. Raynor	0
H. Ho, b. Slagter	9
S. A. Vuniar, b. Raynor	32
J. C. Koh, not out	18
T. H. Lean, b. Slagter	4
T. T. Chin, b. Odell	2
H. Amann, not out	0
Extras	10
Total for 8 wickets (dec.)	147

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Graham	3	0	6	0
Odell	4	0	7	1
Smith	9	2	40	1
Raynor	9	2	25	5
Slagter	5	0	11	1
Atwell	4	1	12	0
Barelay	2	0	7	0
Slagter	3	0	13	0

H.K.C.C.

Evan Thomas, c. Amann, b. T. H. Lean	24
Raynor, b. Vuniar	14
Odell, b. Vuniar	1
Mingo Day, b. Vuniar	1
Barelay, c. Lo, b. Koh	26
Clarke, run out	9
Slagter, c. Ho, b. Koh	4
Slagter, b. Koh	0
Slagter, b. Ride	1
Slagter, b. Koh	1
Graham, not out	15
Extras	2
Total	100

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Lean	7	0	46	1
Vuniar	12	2	43	3
Koh	7	5	9	4
Ride	1.3	0	1	1

I.R.C. - RECREIO

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club drew with Club de Recreio.

RECREIO

J. M. Gosano, b. Minu	18
L. G. Gosano, c. Addas, b. Minu	5
A. M. Prata, st. Ismail, b. Minu	35
G. N. Gosano, b. Minu	0
E. L. Gosano, b. Arculli	23
A. M. Rodrigues, not out	20
D. M. Rodrigues, b. Motti Walla	18
H. A. Barros, c. & b. Motti Walla	0
P. M. N. da Silva, b. Motti Walla	0
A. P. Pereira, b. Motti Walla	13
N. A. Beltrao, b. Motti Walla	37
Extras	1
Total	171

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
A. el Arculli	9	2	40	1
A. R. Minu	15	2	64	4
A. R. Abbas	2	1	11	0
A. R. Kitchell	2	1	29	0
Y. Motti Walla	4	1	23	4

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NAVY SCORES AT SOCCER South China | RA Balance Beat RAF | Kwong Wah

Navy again provided the biggest surprise in yesterday's football League games when they beat Buffs by four goals to three at Causeway Bay yesterday in a fast and exciting game. At Sookunpoo South China accounted for a weak Royal Air Force team by four to two.

At Kowloon, Kwong Wah were forced to share the points with Royal Artillery when they each scored once and at Caroline Hill St. Joseph's, after having their share of the game in the early stages, were beaten by six goals to one.

SENIOR DIVISION Navy—Buffs

Following up their triumph over Kowloon Motor Bus last week, Navy again delighted their supporters when they beat Buffs by 4 goals to 3 at Causeway Bay, after being two clear goals in arrears at one stage of the game.

From the start, Buffs made a bee-line for the Navy goal and Gravesen gave spectators their first thrill when he broke clean through and sent in a terrific shot which struck the upright and rebounded into play.

Navy took the ball down and forced two fruitless corners.

Five minutes after the commencement, Buffs took the lead when Mocker scored with a fine left-footed drive.

In the next minute, Jensen had hard luck when he sent in a hard shot which Adie touched, but could not hold.

As the ball rolled towards the goal-line, Holloway rushed up and cleared.

Following a period of attacking by Navy, Buffs went further ahead when Adie allowed a fine dropping shot by Cunningham to fall out of his hands and drop back into the net.

A minute before half time, Navy reduced the lead when Kitchen raced through to score with a fast ground shot.

The second half saw Buffs open strongly and the Navy goal had a series of narrow escapes.

Buffs were doing most of the attacking, but from a breakaway by the Navy forwards, Kitchen equalized with an excellent shot which just managed to enter the net between the squatting Anderson and the left upright.

After an earlier shot had been blocked, Buffs attacked desperately after this reverse and were soon in the lead again when Jensen netted.

Thier success was short lived, however, as the Navy were again on equal terms not long after, when Kitchen, working his way in, slipped the ball to the unmarked Bolton, who made no mistake.

Buffs showed signs of weakening and Navy, taking advantage of the situation, intensified their efforts and were rewarded when Buck, gathering a pass from Bolton, scored with a rasping cross shot which Anderson never saw.

Excitement ran high as the Buffs threw all their resources into the game in an effort to force a draw, but the Navy defence held out and the final whistle came with the sailors still on top.

Kwong Wah—25th R.A.
At the Police ground Kwong Wah and 25th R.A. drew, sharing one goal each. It is interesting to note that these teams shared the same number of goals at Sookunpoo a fortnight ago.

Kwong Wah drew first blood 12 minutes from the kick-off. In the first real breakthrough they had, Chung Chau-kwong, the ball falling at the feet of centre-forward Bates who tapped it out of reach of the custodian at close range.

Football livened up considerably as both teams tried to take the lead, with the soldiers having the better of the exchanges. The Chinese then concentrated their attacks through Chiu Foo who, but for the sterling display of Williams at centre-half, would have given Kwong Wah the lead. Time after time he was sent away with the ball, but found his match in Williams.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE
FIRST DIVISION
R.A.F. 2 South China 4
Navy 4 Buffs 3
Kwong Wah 1 25th R.A. 1
St. Joseph's 1 K.M. Bus 6

JUNIOR DIVISION "A"
H.Q.L.F. 2 R.A.O.C. 1
Kit Chee 0 St. Joseph's 3
South China 2 K.M. Bus 0

JUNIOR DIVISION "B"
R.A.M.C. 1 Chinese A.A. 5
"C" 0 Sing Tao 0
Electric 5 R.A.S.C. 2
Cancelled.

receiving a neat pass from one of the defenders raced down the field and swung the ball to Tam Ying-kat, inside-right, drove a hard drive which the goal-keeper misjudged and the ball hit the cross-bar.

On the rebound Rice secured the ball and beating the defenders kicked the ball over the cross-bar.

Play then swung from end to end with both defences dominating the play.

Chiu Foo, centre-forward, almost put Kwong Wah ahead when after piercing the soldier's defence at mid-field, he beat the goal-keeper who came out to intercept him and with an open goal at five yards slipped and shot wide.

The interval came with Kwong Wah leading by one goal. After the interval, the soldiers tried hard to force the issue. Time after time their forwards were sent away with fine passes.

The equaliser came ten minutes from the re-start. Marsden at outside-left lobbed a high shot which a Chinese defender mis-headed—

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St. Joseph's—K.M. Bus
Playing one of their worst games this season, St. Joseph's were well and truly trounced by Kowloon Motor Bus at Caroline Hill yesterday by six goals to one.

St. Joseph's started off promisingly, but in the second half fell to pieces. Goanoo and Hussain in the defence tried hard to stop the Bus forwards, who were given too much scope by the intermediate line.

Brown making his first appearance in goal for the Saints, played a creditable game and showed that with more practice much can be expected of him.

The Saints' forwards were slow and their usually fast wingers were wholly subdued. Pereira was very much off form and all his passes went astray.

After Brown had brought off several good saves, Kowloon Motor Bus scored through Tang Yee-Kit who netted from a pass by Lee Shek-yau. Not long after the same player again scored when he broke through on his own.

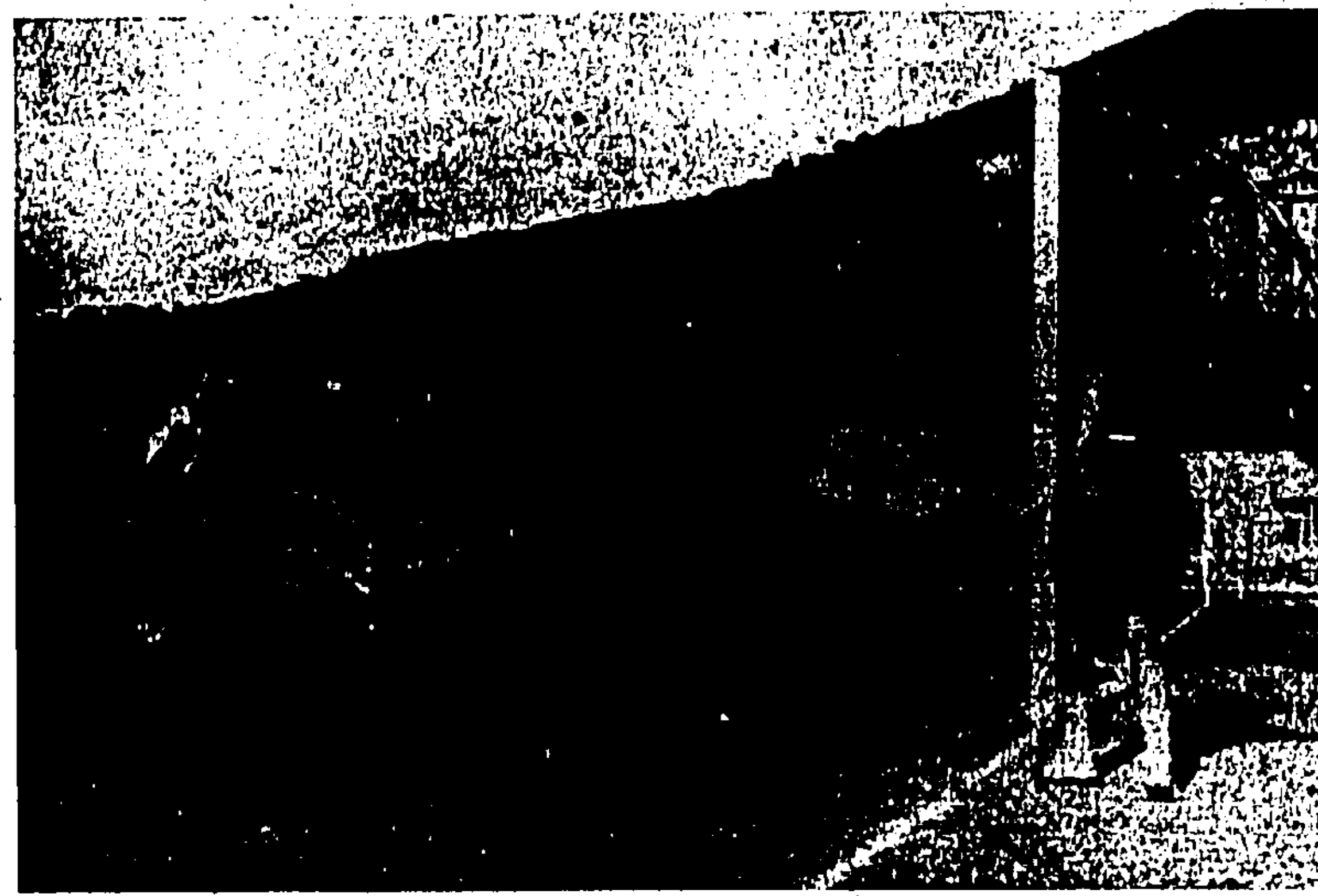
Saints had hard luck when Omar hit the cross bar shortly after and slowness in front of goal robbed the Saint of two scoring chances.

For a considerable part of the second half Saints attacked but Cheuk Shek-kam increased the lead for Kowloon Bus and with a good effort Fung Kwang-shing added another and before the full time Chau Man-chi and Tang Yee-Kit scored further goals.

Kowloon Motor Bus: Sun Po-on; Man Lam-fai and Lee Ting-sang; Tang Sum, Tam Kong-sai and Fung Kwang-shing; Cheung Kwang-ling, Chau Man-chi, Tang Yee-Kit, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lee Shek-yau.

St. Joseph's: Brown; Goanoo and Hussain; Marsden, Atwood and Pacheco; Xavier, Pereira, Rocha, Gomes and Omar.

The Buffs Score



Here is an exciting incident during the Navy-Buffs soccer match at Causeway Bay yesterday. The match was won by Navy by 4 goals to 3. Picture shows Buffs scoring their second goal, with two of the Navy backs and a Buffs forward watching Adie, the Navy goalie, juggling with the ball.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

Home Football Results

London, Jan. 10.

The following are the results of football matches played today:

THIRD DIVISION—SOUTHERN
Aldershot 0 Ipswich T. 1
Preston 3 Leyton O. 0
Watford 1 Newport C. 2

THIRD DIVISION—NORTHERN
Carlisle United 2 Lincoln City 5
Darlington 4 Hullik Town 1
Gateshead 5 Rochdale 0
East Fife 4 Dunfermline 2
Hartlepool 1 New Brighton 0

Transmere Rovers 2 Wrexham 3
York City 3 Bradford C. 3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION "A"
Celtic 1 Aberdeen 0
Dundee 7 Clyde 0
Falkirk 0 Rangers 5
Hibernian 4 Queen's P. 0
Motherwell 3 Queen's P. 1
Paisley Thistle 1 Morton 2
St. Mirren 2 Aldershot 1
Thistle Lanark 4 Hearts 1

R.A.F.—South China
Fielding a number of new players, Royal Air Force were beaten by South China by four goals to two in their First Division Football game at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Willis, the local referee, was in the Almen's goal and gave a good display, particularly in the first half when he saved a number of good drives.

South China took the lead early in the game when Chan Tak-fai scored from a pass by Tong Sheung.

After 17 minutes play Lau Sik-ching the right half sent in a high lob from the wing which Willis misjudged, to increase the Chinese lead.

Air Force reduced the deficit from a penalty taken by Sewell. Five minutes from the restart Chan Tak-fai increased the lead from a penalty and a few minutes later the same player netted with a good drive 20 yards out.

Just on time Air Force again scored when Roberts netted following a scramble in South China's goalmouth.

Air Force: Willis, Davies and Bontar; Hill, Green and Anderson; Baxter, Jones, Gell, Roberts and Gray.

South China: Lee Wai-wo; Yuen Yau-shing and Lam Yue-shun; Lee Shik-ching, Leung Yuen-chai and Si Yuen-an; Lau Sik-fai, Lee Yuk-tam, Chan Tak-fai, Tong Sheung and Lau Sheung.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION "B"
Ablon Rovers 2 Leith Athl. 0
Alloa Athl. 4 Ayr United 4
Arbroath 3 Dundee U. 0
Cowdenbeath 1 Raith Rovers 1
Dunbarton 0 Hamilton 4
East Fife 4 Dunfermline 2
Kilmarnock 7 Stenhousemuir 2
Stirling Athl. 4 St. Johnstone 4

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION—CUP TIE
Grimsby Town 1 Everton 4
Hull City 1 Middlesbrough 3
Leicester City 1 Bury 0
Liverpool 4 Nottingham 1

Manchester City 2 Barnsley 1
Mansfield Town 2 Stoke City 2
Millwall 1 Preston N. 2
Plymouth A. 2 Luton Town 4
Preston N. 4 Brighton H. 1
Rotherham U. 0 Brentford 3
Southampton 1 Sunderland 0
Stockport City 3 Torquay U. 0
Aston Villa 4 Manchester U. 0
West Bromwich 2 Reading 0
Arsenal 0 Bradford 0
Barnsley 4 Bradford U. 0
Birmingham C. 0 Notts C. 2
Blackpool 4 Leeds U. 0
Bournemouth 1 Volverhampton 2

Bristol Rovers 3 Swansea T. 0
Burnley 0 Swindon T. 2
Charlton Athl. 0 Newcastle U. 1
Chelsea 5 Barnsley 1
Colchester U. 1 Huddersfield T. 0
Conventry City 2 Walsall 1
Crewe A. 3 Sheffield U. 1
Crystal Palace 0 Chester 1
Derby County 2 Chesterfield 0
Fulham 2 Doncaster R. 0
Hullikburn Rev. 0 Westham 0
Salmon Wanderers 0 Tottenham H. 2
Cardiff City 1 Sheffield W. 2
Gillingham 1 Queens P.R. 1

IRISH LEAGUE
Ballymena Utd. 4 Glenavon 2
Belfast Celtic 6 Ards 0
Coleraine 4 Cliftonville 0
Derry City 2 Glentworth 3
Distillery 1 Portadown 1
Liffield 1 Bangor 1

OTHER MATCHES
Amateur International trial match
England 4 The Rest 4
Southport 1 Oldham Athl. 0
—Reuter.

QUADRANGULAR RUGBY Club Beat RAF And Police 14-0

(By "Crums")

Club maintained their lead in the Quadrangular Tournament by beating R.A.F. and Police by 14 pts. to nil at Happy Valley yesterday.

It only remains, therefore, to see the result of next week's match between the Club and the Army, which will decide the final placings in the Tournament.

The present position, after yesterday's game, is as follows:
Club 5 4 1 50 18
Navy 5 3 2 47 20
Army 1 3 2 28 17
R.A.F. & Police 5 0 5 8 78

The R.A.A. and Police team have improved vastly and one cannot but admire the pluck with which they set about it every Saturday afternoon.

The return of Wright-Noth to the Colony has been very fortunate for them, because he is playing as well as ever and yesterday his constructive and untiring efforts were invaluable.

During the first half of the game, we saw several sustained three quarter movements, mostly by the Club, whose backs combined better than last week and produced plenty of thrills.

Hutchings, who has done excellent work for the R.A.F. and Police this season, was sound in defence and was well supported by the R.A.F. and Police full back, who made a number of good kicks to touch.

Hutchings brought down Strachan with a lovely tackle when the latter was in full stride and a score for the Club looked probable.

However, the Club's first try was by Bowman, who was backing up Henderson, the Club fly-half, after the latter had made a neat cut through.

Ingham converted this try with a good kick.

Their next try came when the Club forwards wheeled from a five yard scrum in an expert manner and took the ball over for a try, for which they all deserved credit, but the mass of bodies lying on the ball made it impossible to give a name to the scorer!

Cessford scored a third try for the Club just before half time, after Morgan had cut through on his own and passed to Henderson, who was tackled. Club forwards were up on the ball immediately and their quick heel made it easy for Cessford.

The second half was not so thrilling. Play remained mostly with the forwards and the R.A.F. and Police pack, who must have been stoned, lighter than their opponents, put up a good performance.

It was largely through their efforts that the Club were only able to score three more points—an unconverted try by Forsgate, who broke away from a line out on the R.A.F. and Police 25 yard line and, using a mixture of determination and deception which evidently baffled his opponents, grounded the ball in a fine solo effort.

The game was well controlled by the referee, Cmdr. Allen, R.N.

Club "A"—H.M.S. Black Swan
In the earlier game yesterday afternoon, Club "A" and H.M.S. Black Swan drew, both sides scoring one goal (five points).

In some respects the rugged was not of a high standard, but there was no lack of enthusiasm and some of the forward rushes, particularly by the Black Swan forwards, were thrilling to watch.

Thompson played an entertaining game at fly half for the Club and Nelson was a thrustful centre three quarters.

Club's try was scored by Ralph and converted by Harrison.

The try for Black Swan was scored far out in the corner and the kick which converted the try was the finest goal kick we have seen this season.

The Masque Fraternity were entertained at a cocktail party yesterday by the Zetland Hall Trustees at their new premises, top floor, King's Building.

"CHINA DUE TO RETURN TO SILVER STANDARD"
Nanking, Jan. 10.
China is due soon to return to a silver standard through currency reforms designed to lift her out of the throes of the never-ending inflation, informed sources told Reuters today.

Meanwhile, the Chinese newspaper Sin Wang Pao said that the Finance Ministry is planning to issue new bonds in United States Currency, amounting to US\$300,000,000, "to help the Government's efforts to change and stabilize the national currency."

Barter
Another Chinese report from Shanghai said that although China's present foreign trade policy will be continued, Government authorities are making special efforts to introduce the barter and link systems in order to help home industry and save foreign exchange.

The report added that the scheme under contemplation envisaged the exchange, firstly, of Chinese eggs, sheepskin, fur, soybeans and oil for British chemicals, pharmaceuticals and industrial equipment.

Secondly, Chinese cotton yarn and cotton cloth as well as silk piecegoods for Indian and Southeast raw cotton and rice. Thirdly, Chinese tung oil, bristles and mineral tung oil for American transportation equipment. Fourthly, Chinese leather, raw silk and tea for American wheat, raw cotton and Chinese flour and fish.

Mr. Tse Yee Pei is generally regarded as one of China's three top bankers today and will be assisted in his mission by four other experts, including Mr. Lee Kai, adviser to the Ministry of Finance Affairs, and Mr. Chu Tse-tung, the military authority.

UKRAINE MAY HAVE SAY ON KOREA'S FUTURE

Seoul, Jan. 10.

The provisional agenda of the United Nations Korean Commission today indicated that the Soviet Ukraine will be given another chance to participate in an attempt to establish Korea's self-government.

The agenda proposed by the 291 member group includes "consideration of a further approach to the Ukraine," and consultations with "representatives of Korean public opinion."

The Soviet Ukraine indicated unwillingness to co-operate when the United Nations established the commission.

This led American observers to believe the commission would be refused admittance to the Russian occupation zone of Korea to supervise elections.

Also on the commission's prospective agenda—following its first meeting—on Monday—are consideration of elections in the northern and American occupation zones, and discussion of the U.N. General Assembly's resolution requesting all occupiers to aid the commission in every possible way.—Associated Press.

DIRECTOR MET A PICKPOCKET
Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Managing Director of the China Motorbus Company, was the victim of an "audacious" pickpocket on Friday afternoon in Queen's Road, Central.

Walking towards the Queen's Theatre, Mr. Ngan was suddenly pushed by a man who was approaching him near Li Yuen Street. Finding his two fountain pens missing, Mr. Ngan gave chase and caught the man.

Convicted by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of simple larceny from the person, 20-year-old To Shik-kin, unemployed, was sentenced to three months imprisonment and recommended for probation.

ODD SPOTS IN THE NEWS

URANIUM

Nanking, Jan. 10.

China possesses uranium deposits in several different regions of her vast land area, Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Natural Resources, told the United Press today.

He said preliminary researches indicated the deposits stretched "from Kiangsi to Formosa" and included Manchuria and Sinkiang both of which have a common border with Soviet Russia.—United Press.

KILLEARN
Singapore, Jan. 10.
Lord Kilgarn, Britain's special commissioner in South-east Asia, left by air today for a month's tour of China and Japan.

As Sir Miles Lampson, he was British Minister to China from 1929 to 1933.—Associated Press.

SALVAGE
Jmuiden (Holland), Jan. 10.
Salvage work will start this summer on the 1960 tons Norwegian ship Skoghaug—which went down off the coast after an explosion on Christmas Day with a loss of 26 lives—it was learned here today.

A Dutch motor-launch yesterday investigated the wreckage believed to be that of the Skoghaug as divers will shortly go down officially to identify the ship.

According to the commander of the launch, there is a good chance of salvaging the ship but it would not be possible to start work before the summer.—Reuter.

OUTNUMBERED
Singapore, Jan. 10.
Chinese now outnumber Malays in the whole of the Malayan Union and Singapore by 2,608,000 to 2,204,000.

The official census for 1947 revealed that the population of Singapore had increased by 64 per cent from 567,463 in 1931 to 940,766 in 1947.

The Chinese in Singapore outnumber the Malays by 723,523 to 73,802 (or by nearly ten to one).—Reuter.

GOLD BARS
Washington, Jan. 10.
Britain shipped US\$40,682,873 worth of gold in bars to the United States in the week ended December 19. A Commerce Department report showed today.

Green, shipped US\$1,400,140 in gold coins while Argentina shipped US\$18,400,756.

Canada sent US\$25,164,915 in gold bars.—Associated Press.

IN INDIA
Jammu, Jan. 10.
Spearheaded by armoured cars and supported by Tempests and Spitfires of the Royal Indian Air Force, Indian infantry launched a surprise attack on a substantial force of raiders less than 12 miles from the Pakistan border and killed about 250 of them.

This action, coming after the deepest armoured penetration yet into the territory held by the raiders, occurred within seven miles of Bhimbar, which is 30 miles northwest of Jammu.—Reuter.